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ABOUT TOWN MATTERS

IN ARLINGTON.

All notices of concerts, lectures, entertainments, etc., of which an admission fee is charged or from which a revenue is to be derived, must be paid for by the line at the advertisement.

Mr. Hollis Gott is back to the factory this week after a severe attack of the grippe.

Mr. Clifford Perkins is back at the Pleasant street grocery, after his long and serious sickness.

Some miscreant entered the stable of N. J. Hardy on Wednesday night and ruined a canvas covered sleigh top by slashing it with a knife.

Rev. Mr. Page of Waltham will occupy the pulpit of the Pleasant street Congregational church, on next Sunday, in exchange with Rev. S. C. Bushnell.

Miss Alice Durling, who lives at the East side, has gone to California to visit her brother and sister and to recuperate in health. Her influence will be missed in Trinity church.

The regular monthly and annual meeting of the Samaritan Society, connected with the Universalist church, will be held in the vestry next Monday afternoon, at half-past one.

Rev. William H. Rider, D. D., the well known former pastor of the Universalist church of this town, but now of Gloucester, will preach in Arlington, next Sunday, in exchange with Rev. Mr. Fister.

The Men's Adelphean of Trinity church are to conduct a public debate on Monday evening, Jan. 20, on the question, "Resolved that Government by Commission is the best form of government for the American cities."

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Trowbridge left for the south on Wednesday evening. They go first to Nassau, then to Florida, stopping first at Miami and then going to Orange Park. On the homeward trip they will stop at various places in the south.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Savercool leave the latter part of the week for an extended trip throughout the west to the Pacific coast and Old Mexico, stopping in St. Louis, Denver, Colorado Springs, Salt Lake City, etc., for visits enroute. They intend to be absent until spring.

There was a special service at the Pleasant Street Cong'l church, on Monday evening of this week, in observance of the week of prayer. The annual church meeting with reports and election of officers will occur this Friday evening, in the church vestry.

On Friday evening of last week there was a meeting of the church members in the vestry of the Universalist church. Miss Abbie Russell was elected clerk of the church for the twenty-eighth consecutive year, and Messrs. Chas. F. Coolidge and Fred A. Horter were appointed deacons.

Sunday services at St. John's church, Academy street.—First Sunday after Epiphany: Morning prayer and sermon, 10.30; evening prayer and sermon, 7.30.

The Boat Club will give a "Ladies' Night," in their hall, next Tuesday evening (the 14th). It is to be a card party with bridge and waist. There is also to be music.

Miss Alice Poore of Robbins Road returned Tuesday to Port Deposit, Maryland, where she is an assistant in the Department of Ancient Languages at the Jacob T. Jones Institute.

Mr. Edward E. Rankin, of Pittsburg, Pa., was in town the past week visiting his mother, Mrs. E. M. Rankin, who has been quite ill the past three weeks with a severe attack of grippe.

Mrs. J. W. Whitten (formerly Miss Maggie Kelsey, of Arlington), whose home for some years has been at Wolfboro, N. H., is spending the winter on South Spring street, Concord, N. H.

Mr. Leon H. Vincent will give a lecture at the High school this (Friday) evening, in the Pratt Fund course, at eight o'clock. Mr. Vincent will speak on "Whittier's Literary and Historical Verse."

The severity of the storm, on Tuesday evening, made it seem advisable to the entertainment committee to omit the address Rev. Mr. Bushnell was to have given at the monthly smoker scheduled for that evening, at Arlington Boat Club.

Mr. Frederick M. Kilmer who has resided for several years at 105 Pleasant street, has just purchased a residence at Brookline, and will, we understand, move there before long. We regret the removal of the Kilmers from the town as well as the neighborhood.

Monday afternoon, at three o'clock, the Woman's Alliance of the Unitarian church will hold their monthly literary meeting in the church. In place of Mrs. Chas. E. St. John, who was announced in the calendar to speak, Rev. John Mills Wilson, pastor of the Unitarian church at Lexington, will address the ladies.

Letter carrier James G. Keenan is out again after an illness of eleven weeks with appendicitis. He is still under the watchful eye of his physician, who will not permit him to return to his duties till all danger of a relapse is passed. Complications made Mr. Keenan's sickness of an extremely critical nature.

Relatives and friends of Mrs. Howard W. Brandenburg, of Court place, are pleased to hear of her improved health in the delightful climate of Southern California. On New Year's day she, with an auto party, attended the "Tournament of Roses" and chariot races at Pasadena, one of the most beautiful yearly events of the Pacific coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland G. Hopkins came over from Chestnut Hill on Wednesday to attend the lecture by Prof. Underwood in Town Hall, on that evening. They dined with the J. A. Baileys, Jr. "Roll," as his intimates used to call him, is now the father of three interesting children, the youngest of which is just one year old.

Men's clubs and kindred organizations can secure an excellent and appropriate entertainment for an evening by applying to Mr. L. D. Gibbs of the Edison Elec. and Ill. Co., at 39 Boylston St., Boston. We make this announcement without consulting Mr. Gibbs, but are sure he will respond to a call if engagements permit. His matter is novel and his manner pleasing.

Mr. John M. Moore, secretary of the Young People's Forward Movement connected with the American Baptist Missionary Union and Home Mission Society, will give an address at the Baptist church Sunday evening at seven o'clock. Mr. Moore has already many friends in Arlington through his work for the young people and it is hoped that there will be a large audience to greet him.

In accordance with his annual custom for many years, the Rev. James Yeames preached a special New Year's sermon on Sunday morning, basing his discourse on a text which he gave the people as a motto or watch-word for the new year. The motto text for 1908 is "And the light shall shine upon thy ways."—Job 22: 28. The preacher showed how and upon what conditions this blessing for the year may be enjoyed.

This Friday evening the several classes and organizations within the Trinity Baptist church, hold their annual meetings. For two successive Sundays the Bible school of this church numbered over two hundred. This gives some idea of what this little church at the East side of the town is doing. Last Sabbath morning the right hand of fellowship was extended at the communion service to Miss Edna Crandall, Mr. J. H. Wallace, Mrs. J. H. Wallace, Mrs. Mary Babcock, Miss Nellie Babcock, Mrs. Owen Pierce.

At the session of the Sunday school of the Universalist church last Sunday, Supt. E. W. Goodwin awarded books to those who had a record of constant attendance during the year at the school as well as those who were absent but once. This award of merit was bestowed as follows:—

NOT ABSENT:—Supt. E. W. Goodwin, Laurence Peirce, Susie Whittmore, Stuart Goodwin, Edith Whittmore, Marjorie Lamson, Dorothy Currier, Edith Winn, Lloyd Goodwin.

ABSENT ONCE:—Albert Peirce, Frances Robbins, Durant Currier, Ella Kimball.

In the evening, in the vestry of this church, Rev. H. F. Fister gave a stereopticon talk illustrating the subjects of the Sunday school lessons during the past three months.

The Boat Club team bowled with the Centrals of Somerville, Monday evening, and captured two of the three strings, but losing the total score, the game was a

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split even. Webb of A. B. C. totaled over 100 in each of his strings, but Gray was high man, his one string of 124 bringing his total to 327. Arlington continues to hold a not high place in the list of games bowled by the Boston Pin League.

Fred S. Mead, Jr., has returned to Columbia College, after the holiday vacation spent at his father's home on the avenue.

Selectman Fred S. Mead, with his younger son, Edward, sail on Saturday for an ocean trip to the Azores. They will be absent about two weeks.

Arlington friends have received cards from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilman Tufts, of Chicago, announcing the birth of a son, Lawrence Turnbull Tufts, born Dec. 29th.

The next entertainment in the Clover Lend-a-Hand course will take place Wednesday evening, January 22. Miss Jessie Davis, the well known pianist, with other talent, is to give a concert.

On Jan. 27th to the 31st, inclusive, the Newtowne Club of Cambridge, will present a dramatic performance entitled "The Silver Turban," in the hall of its club house on Mass. avenue. Arlington friends are likely to attend the presentation in quite large numbers.

Mr. W. K. Cook has been appointed secretary of the Pleasant St. Cong'l Sunday school, to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Mr. George Varney. Mr. F. B. Thompson, the newly elected superintendent of the main school, entered upon his duties on last Sabbath. A meeting of teachers and officers of the entire school will be held next Wednesday evening, at 7.45, at the parsonage on Maple street.

The Middlesex Gun Club had an enjoyable field day on the 4th inst. at the grounds at East Lexington. There were four events, and six turkeys were put up as prizes. The conditions were poor, the weather being threatening, but the gunners had good time and some fairly good scores were made. William F. Brown, of Arlington, is secretary of the club and participated in the matches, but did not come so near capturing a prize as he sometimes does.

It has been found necessary, because of the size of the freshman class in the High school, to employ another teacher, who entered on her duties at the opening of the winter term on Thursday of last week. Miss Ella Somerby, who is a resident of Arlington, also a graduate of our High school, received the appointment. Miss Somerby has taught in the south, also in Grafton in this state, so has had several years of experience as an instructor. The freshman class, instead of being in two sections, as has been the arrangement for some time, has been divided in three sections.

The next attraction in the course of entertainments being given in Town Hall under the auspices of the Clover Lend-a-Hand, will be a concert which occurs Jan. 22nd. Miss Jessie Davis, the talented and well known pianist, will be one of the attractions, who will be assisted by Miss Edith Bullard, soprano, and Mr. Elcheim first violinist of Sympho-

ny Orchestra. Single admission tickets are now on sale at Perlman's, at 75 cents each.

Miss Mary Law and brother George have gone to Los Angeles, California.

The Walden outing club of this town held its fourth annual concert and ball in Town Hall, Thursday evening.

Last evening, in their hall on Chestnut street, the newly elected officers of St. Malachi Court, M. C. O. F. were installed.

Mr. Alex. Bowman, the tailor, has been confined to the house for three weeks with grippe, but is now able to be back to his business again.

At a special convocation of the Knights of King Arthur, Castle Avalon, on Monday last, Sir Adelbert Kilmer was raised from the rank of page to esquire.

The annual meeting of the parish of St. John's church in Arlington is called for Tuesday evening next. At this meeting the wardens and vestry for the ensuing year will be elected.

Mr. Harry K. Lloyd will give a talk before the Boys' Chapter Club, illustrating the same by crayon sketches, Monday evening, at eight o'clock. The friends of the boys are invited to be present.

An exceptionally fine concert may be expected from the talent engaged by the Clover Lend-a-Hand for its next entertainment which occurs Jan. 22nd, in Town Hall. Single tickets at 75 cents can be obtained at Perlman's, or of club members.

The annual meeting of the Sewing Circle and the Home Missionary Society of the Baptist church will take place on Monday, the 13th, at 2.30, at the home of Mrs. Wm. B. Wood, 23 Jason street. All the ladies of the church are invited, as new plans are to be recommended for the coming year.

John J. Donahue, of Ladder 1, has returned from Magnolia, where he went a short time ago for the benefit of his health. The salt sea air has built him up and the rest, apparently, did him much good. He reported for duty at the central fire station Wednesday evening, and was received with pleasure by his comrades.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Sunday school of the Universalist church, was held in the vestry of the church, on Wednesday evening, when the reports were listened to and officers elected as follows:—Supt., J. O. Goodwin; 1st. assistant, J. O. Holt; 2nd assistant, Miss Jennie Frost; treasurer, F. A. Horter; assistant treas., Mr. Bradley Frost; librarians, Horatio Lamson and Durant Currier; pianist, Miss Cairn Higgins.

The recently elected officers of James Ray Cole Lodge, Knights of Pythias, were publicly installed in Odd Fellows Hall, last Tuesday evening, the work being exemplified by Deputy Ernest D. Flagg and suite of Massachusetts Lodge. Prominent among the speakers was Ex-Mayor Walter Ramsdell, of Lynn, Past Grand Chancellor of Massachusetts. During the evening a collation was served and an orchestra furnished music. The officers were listed in this paper a short time ago.

Mrs. Farmer R. Walker, of Jason St., has but recently returned from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Edith Gordon Caine, of London. Mrs. Walker went on to the west early in the fall, where she visited relatives and her husband, who is now located on a ranch in South Kansas. During her absence Mrs. Walker has travelled over twelve thousand miles and has tasted both the life of the westerner and that of London, with its gayety and fascinating charms.

Owing to the crowded condition of Locke school, an assistant teacher has been employed to assist in the third and fourth grades. Miss Annie W. Craig, of Milton, Mass., has been appointed for this work. In the first four grades at this school there is an average attendance of fifty-three pupils.

The report of district work for December, 1907, has been tabulated by Miss Elizabeth T. Goodwin, the nurse, as follows:—

Number of calls,	209
" cases,	40
" medical,	31
" surgical,	5
" obstetrical,	4
" deaths,	3
Money collected,	\$41.10

Sarah H., widow of the late Dr. Hobert Foster, died of pneumonia Monday night, at her home, 16 Pelham terrace, after a few days illness. The deceased was born in Norwalk, Conn., and was the daughter of Elbridge G. and Sarah B. Seymour. Dr. Foster died five years ago last November and since that time his widow, who was then in feeble health, has been cared for by a faithful attendant, the deceased having no children to administer to her in her declining health. The funeral occurred Thursday at 2.30 o'clock, the devotional services being conducted by Rev. James Yeames, of St. John's Episcopal church, where the deceased and husband were prominently identified and where there is now a beautiful memorial window in memory of Dr. Foster. The burial was at Little Compton, R. I.

The "Men's Club," of the Universalist church, met in the vestry last Tuesday evening, for the regular monthly meeting. The night was a very stormy one, but there was a fair representation of the club present. The items of business were soon disposed of, and the president hastened to introduce Mr. Walter F. Hamblin, who gave a talk of "A trip to Nome, Alaska." Mr. Hamblin went to Alaska on a pleasure trip, took his camera with him, and secured some very unique and interesting pictures. From over a hundred of these he had lantern slides

The Paragraph Pulpit.

[UNITARIAN]

Minister, Rev. Frederic Gill, 29 Academy St.

GREAT AFFIRMATIONS.

VI. CONCERNING THE BIBLE.

The inspiration and revelation of God are continuous and universal, some degree of them being found everywhere and always. Religious experience is the perennial manifestation of God. The Bible contains the records of the spiritual insight, the religious life and thought of a wonderful race and many great souls. Mingled with these records are other narratives, many of which have little, others no, religious value. The Bible is a heavenly treasure in an earthen vessel. It is not a tyrant over the soul, but a helper of our best life. The test of its inspiration is its capacity to inspire. The Bible abounds in that which arouses the deepest and divinest forces in human nature. The man who gets from it a quickening of his consciousness of God, an arousing of his will to more earnest moral endeavor, and a sense of the supreme importance of the soul and God, has got at the heart of the Bible. We do not use the Bible as an armory of proofs with which to confute those who differ from our opinions, and we have nothing to do with twisting passages into conformity with our ideas, or reading modern thought into its pages. To say that to distinguish between the true and false, the good and the evil in the Bible is to reject it, is as absurd as to say that one rejects the golden grain of the harvest because he does not eat the straw.

Correspondence and questions are invited.

made and his talk was illustrated by the stereopticon. Mr. Hamblin is not a professional lecturer, but he knows the points of interest and how to interest his hearers. He talked entertainingly about his trip, the country and details about the mining. After the lecture there was an informal social time.

Last Sabbath the morning service at the Universalist church was of more than usual interest. Just prior to the preaching service the communion took place. Rev. Mr. Fister, the minister, termed it "Men's Sunday," and preached a timely discourse from the text of Tim. 6, part of 12th verse,—"Fight the good fight of faith." Mr. Fister showed how in the civic and commercial life there were battles to be fought to-day requiring consecration, devotion and heroism, as well as in the past, when battle and strife were raging. He cited, in an interesting way, conspicuous instances of those who have fought the good fight and won for their fellow men and their country enlarged opportunities for both, and baffled evil and wrong doing in high places. He specially commended President Roosevelt for daring to stand for national and commercial integrity in the face of opposition and misrepresentation of his deeds and motives. The sermon was one calculated to especially interest men and suggest what they can accomplish by a personal application of the theme. The music during the morning was furnished by Mrs. Grace Munroe Marshall, who sang two beautiful solo numbers, accompanied by Mrs. Stevens at the organ.

The twentieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Herman P. McManus was celebrated by them at their home, assisted by a host of friends, on Wednesday evening. The fact that it was the "china wedding," was evidenced by the number of handsome gifts showered on the couple at this time. The house was decorated with red and green crepe paper and looked decidedly pretty and festive. The evening was enlivened with a musical program in which solos were sung by Miss Annie McCarthy, Mr. Frank Barrett, Miss Helen Kennedy, and Miss Lena Maguire. Mr. Walter Proctor was the accompanist, and all the singers were greatly enjoyed. A spread was served during the evening and hearty good cheer prevailed. Mr. McManus has been a trusted employee of the Boston Elevated and his constancy is steadily increasing his sleeve straps. The union of the couple has been blessed by four sons and three girls,—a good old-fashioned family.

The First Baptist church is unusually fortunate in having for its regular alto so accomplished an artist and one having such a glorious voice as Mrs. Blake. Indeed, the entire quartet is exceptional. The Music Committee naturally has a problem on hand to supply a substitute alto which will properly balance the other voices during the period of Mrs. Blake's annual winter vacation it being at a time when most singers are regularly engaged in other churches. Next Sunday will be the last before the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Blake for California. The music of the Sunday forenoon service will employ five voices. Buck's Venite in A, arranged for five parts, will be the opening anthem. Miss Blake is to sing "Jesus Only," a beautiful solo by Rotoli. Offertory Sentence, "Blessed are they who considereth the poor," by Dr. Nares. After Dr. Watson's sermon on "The Spiritual House," the concluding portion of J. C. D. Parker's "Redemption Hymn for Alto Solo and Chorus," beginning with "Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return," will be sung. Mrs. Colman, who sang at this church from 1883 to 1900, has kindly consented to sing the extra alto part. Voluntary at 10.30 o'clock.

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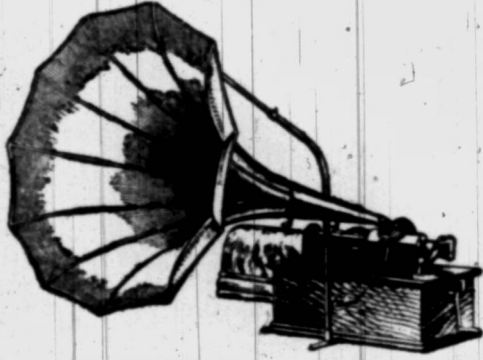
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Reversing a Decision.

By EDITH MELNO.

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Thomas Henderson Howie stepped grandly from the elevator, rather resentful of the elevator boy's patronizing pat on the head. Men who came downtown on business should not be patted on the head even if their mothers do possess foolish ideas that curls are cute. Men on business bent always act importantly and should be treated with deference.

The pat had the effect of stiffening Thomas Henderson Howie's small backbone to an unusual degree of ramrod stiffness, and it was a very pompous six-year-old who entered Dorrington's office.

Tim Dorrington looked up from a pile of papers with a genial smile.

"Welcome to our city, Mr. Thomas Henderson Howie," he cried. "And what good fortune brings you to the office? Surely you are not about to be sued for breach of promise? I am afraid of that little Houston girl, or perhaps it is the embezzlement of preserves again?"

"It's a letter," explained Tommy stiffly, as he delivered the square white envelope into Tim's trembling hands. "I will be going now," he added as he turned away. Tim raised his hand.

"Wait a moment, please," he asked. "There may be an answer."

Tommy climbed into the biggest chair and settled himself with quaint, old-fashioned gravity, while Dorrington opened and read the note. Twice the man read it, though the first time the words had seared themselves into his brain.

It was a cold, almost curt note in which Jessie Howie acknowledged the honor he had done her in offering to make her his wife, an honor she declined, regretting that there had been anything in their friendship to lead him to believe that the friendship might grow to greater intimacy.

Dorrington smiled bitterly as he read the last few lines. Surely he had had every reason to hope for a favorable answer to his letter. Jessie had been tender to herself. With a sigh he thrust the letter into his pocket and turned to his small visitor.

"I regret, Thomas Henderson Howie," he said in the playful banter that had been suggested by the child's quaint dignity—"I regret that my pleasurable anticipations of a wild dissipation in soda water and candy in celebration of an important event have been dashed to earth. But man turns to drink both to express his joys and drown his sorrows. Therefore I pray you to descend with me to the drug store on the ground floor and assist me in the latter ceremony. They have hot chocolate with whipped cream."

"No, thank you," said Tommy politely. "I don't want any soda."

"Perhaps you prefer the stronger tippie of beef tea?" suggested Dorrington. "It is a cup that cheers without inebriety and can be rendered quite palatable if you use enough celery salt to disguise the flavor of the beef extract. Shall we go?"

"I don't want to go with you," said Tommy stolidly. "I don't like you any more. You make Jessie cry."

"That," said Tom, "is what they call an inversion of facts. Your sister has made me cry."

"I'm glad of it," said Tommy cruelly. "You made her cry lots."

"You are sure?" asked Dorrington quickly. "She was crying over my letter?"

"Lots," declared Tommy with a sweeping gesture that suggested a very flood of tears. "I went to her room to get her to sew the tail on my dog again. She was crying awfully, and she was kissing your letter and saying things."

Dorrington moved closer to the boy. "You don't remember what she said, do you?" he pleaded gently. "See if you can't think, Tommy, boy. Try hard, lad!"

Thomas Henderson Howie knitted his brows thoughtfully and assisted the mental process by solemnly wringing his right foot.

"It was something about a mean sacrifice," he said at last. "Sacrifices," he added informatively, "is where the Indians kill people and burn 'em up."

"The operation is bloodless and the fires are internal nowadays," said Dorrington softly. "What else did she say?"

"She said 'How can I do it?' and then she cried some more," continued Tommy. "Then there was something about father's sake, and mother came in and said something about duty and then something about Mr. Bowen, and Jessie cried lots more, and then she wrote the letter, and she gave me a penny for myself and kissed me."

For a moment Dorrington sat stunned. He had invested heavily in suburban real estate, and much of his capital was tied up in land, but Dorrington had not guessed that Mr. Howie's need was so great that he had been compelled to go to Bowen.

For nearly a year Cyrus Bowen had sought to make Jessie the fourth Mrs. Bowen. Mrs. Howie had favored his suit, for the matron was ambitious for her daughter, but it must have been dire need that caused blunt Henry Howie to add his influence. Dorrington turned to Tommy.

"Why, Sam, you are crazy. You can't collect the quarter from a horse!" "Yassah, dat I can! My marster he'll give me a dollar tonight to git out an' hay fer dat boss, but I'll git him 75 cents' with an' keep my quarter. Ha, ha!"

He swung the youngster into the big

chair before the roll top desk, supplied with a pencil and pad and slipped from the room. It was less than a block to the office building in which Henry Howie had his suit, and shortly Dorrington entered the private office of the operator.

"You will pardon my abruptness," began Tom, "but I have just had a letter from Jessie refusing an offer of marriage. From what Tommy says I imagine that her refusal is influenced by the fact that you need Bowen's assistance, and she is the bonus for the loan. Am I right?"

For a moment Henry Howie's hands clinched and unclenched themselves nervously. The blunt statement of facts roused him to anger, but the white, tense face of the man before him restrained him from pitching Tim out of the office as he longed to do. He liked Tim, and it hurt him to give pain to the young fellow.

"You are not entirely correct in your premises," he said at length. "I believe that Jessie does contemplate marriage with Mr. Bowen. Bowen has promised to come to my aid in an extremity. That Deepdale tract has been a heavy burden to me. Bowen will take it at what I paid and pay cash. This will enable me to save other investments. Naturally Jessie is grateful to the friend who has come to my rescue and looks with favor upon his suit. I tell you this that you may understand. Of course it will go no further."

"I thank you for your confidence which will be respected. But I want to ask what you are getting for your Deepdale holdings."

Howie looked at the younger man in surprise. "I presume that you have a reason for asking," he said. "The sum is \$10,000. That is \$200 more than I gave for the land."

"Bowen is generous in the extreme," said Dorrington, with a sneer. "No doubt you are aware that the Central and Suburban plans a cutoff to the main line that strikes the property? That will be better than the trolley which was not built. I am junior counsel for the road, and I know that Bowen has known this for two weeks."

For a moment Howie shrank back, stunned at the treachery of his fancied benefactor. Bowen would make a handsome profit from his supposed charitable action.

"I suppose this is the reason you seek Jessie's hand," sneered the elder man, stung to a retort as an outlet to his feelings.

"Not at all," said Dorrington calmly. "My reason for speaking now is that they purchased my old homestead for a model town. They are to build their shops there. I had not thought of your holdings. Do you want a loan?"

Twenty minutes later Dorrington burst into his own office.

"Tommy-boy," he cried, "for your great services let us get soused on soda and then buy out a candy store and take it up to Jessie. You've enabled me to beat Bowen at his own game and wipe Jessie's tears away. 'Soused' is a vulgar word, Tommy, boy, but it's expressive of my feelings, and to your uncanny powers of observation I owe the fact that I've reversed the decision."

Does War Develop Nations?

From the horrors of war have come many benefits unexpected at the time. China will yet come to bless the day that she was beaten by Japan. The blood and agony of the civil war made America a nation. Italian unity had its foundation in the humiliation of Novara. France made her way to her rightful place among the nations from the miseries of Sedan and the commune. Wellington used to consider that the greatness of modern British arms owed its birth to Charles I. and the efficacy of naval administration to James II. For good or ill, it is from the stricken fields of the Crimea that Russia's present greatness dates. She stood alone against the world. Her exchequer was empty, her paper money no longer accepted. The great empire, built up by such labor and pain, was within measurable distance of dissolution. Sevastopol fell. Finland and Poland were on the verge of breaking away. All looked at its blackest. The conditions imposed in the peace treaty were humiliating in the extreme, but one by one Russia slid out of them. The tremendous development which has taken place in Russia dates solely from that dark hour when all seemed so nearly lost. To say that right over might has triumphed would be another matter.—London St. James' Magazine.

He Won His Bet.

Thomas Nelson Page, while riding down a country road, met an old negro leading a horse and laughing as only a negro can.

"Sam," said Mr. Page, "what's the joke?"

"Oh! Maw'nin' marster. I jes' won a bet off'n his hyar fool boss."

"Why, Sam," said Mr. Page, "how did you do that?"

"Well, you see, boss, I was a-leadin' dis hyar boss back yonder an' I seen a piece of paper ahead of us, an' I said, 'Blacky, I bet you a quarter you gwine ter be afraid of it.' But Blacky shook his haid—he wouldn't. Then I said, 'Blacky, I bet you a quarter you will—will you take my bet?' An' he nodded his haid. Well, sah, when we git up dar de wind flutter dat paper about, an' Lord bless my soul, you oughter seen dat boss. He shy clean outen de field. Ha, ha, ha! An' dat's what tickles me—dat I'm a quarter ahead."

"Why, Sam, you are crazy. You can't collect the quarter from a horse!" "Yassah, dat I can! My marster he'll give me a dollar tonight to git out an' hay fer dat boss, but I'll git him 75 cents' with an' keep my quarter. Ha, ha!"

He swung the youngster into the big

MUNICIPALUNACY.

By JOHN KENDRICK BANGS.

The greatest invasion of the rights of private parties as yet recorded is alleged to have occurred recently at Athens, N. Y., where, according to a dispatch from the local correspondent of a New York paper, a citizen unknown, dissatisfied with the quality of the tar pavements, covered them with feathers, with the usual result. This is the first time in the history of American municipalities that a town has been tarred and feathered. We hope the tendency will stop with this beginning, for we should not like to wake up some morning to find that our chosen city had either been tynched or ridden upon a rail.

The latest report of the government telegraphs and telephones of Great Britain shows a loss for the year of \$5,000,000. The proportion of this loss properly borne by the telephone department is an indication that, as far as the taxpayers of Britain are concerned, talk is no cheaper than it used to be.

Orange, Tex., is one of the latest towns to come in out of the wet. That city constructed a small waterworks system some years ago and operated it for several years prior to 1902 at a clear loss. In that year the city entered into a lease with a private company, and the other day the contract was revised and renewed for twenty years. We are glad to note that at least one Orange recognizes a lemon when it sees it and refuses to allow itself to be squeezed any longer.

How would you like to eat butter made by the fair hand of a plumber? Not much, eh? Well, look out for the man who proposes to have your house supplied with gas made under the expert eye of the ward politician who has studied statesmanship and civics in the sacred precincts of a corner saloon. The particular kind of gas in which he excels may be the kind that cannot be blown out, but you will seldom find it illuminating until your tax bill comes in.

As to municipal ownership of street railways, did you ever stop to figure out the ownership of a road that would run, say, from Portland, Me., to Portsmouth, N. H., passing as it does through Biddeford, Saco, Kennebec, the townships of Wells and York, thence through Kittery into Portsmouth? They used to say that it was a wise child that knew his own father, but he would be an idiot alongside of a railway that, passing through so many city hands as that mentioned above, recognized its dotting parent. Solomon himself would have been sorely taxed in rendering judgment in a case like that, and those who are familiar with the Scriptures are aware that in matters of that precise kind he was the wisest man on record.

Ex-Mayor Weaver of Philadelphia advocates the establishment of a municipal bank. It isn't a bad idea. It will enable the grafter in public office to get at the money of the people without all the wearisome and sordid detail at present necessary to the accomplishment of the same ends. Then, too, depositors who are careful about their accounts will know to a cent just how much they are being despoiled of, which in these days of indiscriminate municipal looting is truly an advantage.

Philadelphia Suburbanites Aggrieved. When Philadelphia leased its gas works ten years ago, it retained one plant, which serves the Tacony and Holmesburg districts. In recording the action of a meeting of the citizens of these districts, when a committee was appointed to carry their grievance to the mayor, the Philadelphia Record says:

"The plant was built twenty-five years ago and is declared to be in miserable condition, affording an inadequate and inferior supply of gas, although a handsome profit is returned to the city each year by its operation. The capacity of the plant has not been improved to keep pace with the growth of that section of the city. Frequent breaks in the mains leave the householders without gas."

Sample Civil Service Examination.

This comes from Canada. A politician there was appointed to a position which technically had to be occupied by a lawyer, which the appointee was not. In order to obviate the technicality a board of examiners was appointed to question him as to his knowledge of the law. The first question by the board was, "What do you know about the law?" and the modest response was, "To tell the truth, I do not know a single thing." Whereupon the board intimated that the questioning was at an end and submitted a report on the examination, in which it was gravely stated, "We have examined the appointee as to his knowledge of the law, and to the best of our knowledge and belief he has answered all the questions with entire correctness."—Cincinnati Citizens' Bulletin.

A Long Beat.

After a short residence in this country an Irishman applied for appointment on the police force. While undergoing the civil service examination he was asked among other questions if he knew the distance between New York and San Francisco, and he replied, doubtfully, "Well, I don't know the distance, exactly, but if that's goin' to be my beat I don't want the job." Exchange.

CHOICE MISCELLANY

He Made Some Money.

Few people know that Champ Clark, the celebrated Missouri congressman and also known as a lecturer, once practiced law, or tried to do so, in Wichita, Kan. But he did, according to a Wichita letter in the Topeka Capital. In 1875 Champ Clark opened an office where the Pacific Express company now is located. There was not a great deal of business for young attorneys at that time, and Champ Clark did the best he could to make a living, but he became discouraged and in time left the state and returned to Missouri, where he was afterward elected to congress. He met Kos Harris on the street one day and told him that he intended to stay in Wichita until he had made some money, no matter how much or how it was made. Several days later he was seen on the streets, and he had a beautiful bronze on his hands and face. It was the dark brown color that tells of honest toil in the cornfield.

"Where did you get that color?" asked one of his friends. "I got it from cutting corn up in the country," was the reply. "Get anything else?" asked the friend, who looked at the then attenuated form of the since fleshy and prominent lecturer. "Sure," replied Clark. "I got this dollar for the day's work. And I want to tell you I am going to leave this town. I said I would not leave until I had made some money, and now that I have made it I am ready to leave." He left.

Grenadiers From the Diamond.

Hand grenades, which were used in action by the Japanese against the Russians, are to be introduced into the army, and, since America is, as the Scientific American points out, a nation of baseball players, great things should be accomplished with the new weapon.

A picked company of pitchers could lead every charge and, every man picking out an imaginary plate, a hundred deadly grenades would go hurtling upon the paralyzed foe—a glorious prospect, and one that should materially aid recruiting both for the big leagues and the army.

To complete the rout of the enemy the diamond grenadiers might be followed by the gridiron guards, who would have no difficulty in pulverizing the line of their already demoralized opponents.—New York American.

Strange Cure For Snake Bite.

Recently Frank and Fred Pascoe rode out of town on some business. When about five miles south of Globe they had occasion to dismount. They had scarcely left their horses when a huge rattler struck Frank on the left leg about three inches above the ankle. The venom from the fangs of the snake caused excruciating pain for the moment. His brother, Fred, realizing what had happened, shot a rabbit, split its body and bound it over the bite. They then returned to Globe as quickly as possible. Mr. Pascoe was exhausted when he reached Globe, but said he was suffering very little. His friends will be glad to know that on account of the timely attention there is no cause for alarm about his condition.—Tombstone Epitaph.

A Stunning Surprise.

Congressman George W. Taylor was talking in Demopolis, Ala., about hard times.

"Hard times are bound to be full of unpleasant shocks and stunning surprises," he said. "I remember the last panic and a sermon that a Mobile pastor preached."

"The pastor in a powerful discourse urged economy and retrenchment on his congregation. In view of the hard times there should be no extravagance, no useless expenditure, he said, but every outgo ought to be pared down."

"His strong sermon had a swift and unexpected effect. The congregation before dispersing held a church meeting and unanimously reduced the man's salary from \$2,000 to \$1,500."

Australia's Artistic Stamps.

Australia is going to astonish the world with its new issue of stamps. They are to be of such a superlatively artistic character that, according to the department board that has been considering the subject, £40,000 worth will be sold to philatelists alone during the first year, and after that the sale to the enthusiasts will average £20,000 per annum. The stamps, which are to be "a world wide advertisement for the commonwealth," are to be designed from steel plates, and their designs will "illustrate the characteristic features of Australia."—London Chronicle.

Why He Preferred Shaw.

"Henry," said his father in the presence of a crowd of literary friends, "tell me which you would rather be, Shakespeare or Bernard Shaw?" "Bernard Shaw," was the prompt reply. And a murmur of admiration rose from the delighted Shawians. "Yes, he is only just turned six," said the proud parent, who then continued: "And now, Henry, state your reason." A hush fell on the back-drawing room as the little fellow answered thoughtfully, "Cos he ain't dead, papa."—London Globe.

Alpine Fatalities.

"The playground of Europe," as Sir Leslie Stephen called the Swiss Alps, has for many years been a graveyard, a fact which experience from year to year emphasizes rather than modifies. Statistics officially compiled for 1907 supply us with the death rate due to misadventure in the past year on the Alps—Italian, Swiss and Austrian—and those of Dauphine. Actual loss of life is noted in seventy-five cases.—Lancet.

A gift of a photographic portrait lacking in artistic merits is as poor taste as to talk about one's self.



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Arlington Heights to Harvard Square—5.27, p. m., and every 10, 7 and 8 minutes to 6.52, p. m. Arlington Heights to Subway—5.03, a. m., and intervals of 10, 7 and 6 minutes to 11.30 p. m. SUNDAY—6.03, 6.33 a. m., and intervals of 10, 7 and 8 minutes to 11.22 p. m.

Arlington Heights to Sullivan Terminal—5.03, a. m., and intervals of 15, 7 and 5 minutes to 11.58, night. SUNDAY—5.53, 6.23, a. m., and intervals of 15 and 20 minutes to 11.58, p. m.

Arlington Centre via Medford Hill—5.07, 5.37, 5.52, a. m., and intervals of 10, 10 and 20 minutes to 12.10, night. SUNDAY—6.33, a. m., and intervals of 10 and 15 minutes to 12.10, night.

Night Service to Adams Sq. By connection at Winter Hill with Medford Adams Sq. car, leaves Adams Sq. 1.30, 2.30, 3.30, 4.30 a. m. Medford car leaves Adams Sq. 1.30, 2.30, 3.30, 4.30 a. m.

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C. S. SERGEANT, Vice President.

October 26, 1907.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

The First National Bank OF ARLINGTON.

at Arlington, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business, December 3, 1907.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts, \$960,307.37

Overdrafts, secured and unsecured, 119.60

U. S. Bonds to secure circulation, 12,500.00

Stocks, securities, etc., 105,390.83

Accrued interest, 730.16

Due from State Banks and Bankers, 17.85

Due from approved reserve agents, 592,539.21

Notes of other National Banks, 18,500.00

Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents, 101.27

Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:—

Specie, 15,571.20

Legal-tender notes, 6,200.00

Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer, (5 per cent of circulation), 625.00

Total, \$456,841.49

Capital stock paid in, \$50,000.00

Surplus fund, 50,000.00

Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid, 6,713.63

National Bank notes outstanding, 12,500.00

Real Estate and Mortgages, 421.95

Due to State Banks and Bankers, 149.00

Due to Trust Companies and Savings Banks, 18,632.15

Individual deposits subject to check, 318,275.72

Certified checks, 199.04

Total, \$456,841.49

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JOHN A. EASTON, Cashier.

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EAST LEXINGTON LOCALS.

Misses Fiske and Farrell attended the Outlook Club meeting.

Miss Pearl E. Wright will lead the Guild meeting next Sunday evening.

Another downpour Tuesday, but the weather doesn't seem like mid-winter.

We received a Christmas souvenir postal from Mrs. I. Foster, who sends it from Long Beach, Cal.

We hear that the Bible class held a food sale at the vestry, Thursday afternoon of this week.

Mrs. Keyou and Mrs. Lyman Estabrooks left last week for Hinsdale, N. H., to spend the winter.

We hear that class No. 7 of Follen Sunday school holds a dance in Village Hall on the evening of Jan. 10.

Ethel MacFarland has been sick with grippe and Warren Lawrence, at time of writing, is very sick with pneumonia.

Mr. Wm. Sim's family are occupying, since their house was burned, the house owned by Mrs. Herbert Teele on Fern street.

A cousin writes us that the grippie has taken such a hold on the city of Philadelphia that a few of the public schools had to be closed.

Miss Grace Sim, of Roxbury, has been visiting Miss Lina MacDonald. Her father, who resided here several years, was here one day last week.

We received two pretty Xmas remembrances from the Misses Blanchard, formerly of our village, but now residing in Los Angeles, California.

On Jan. 21st Mr. MacFarland's class in Sunday school will give a graphophone entertainment at Village Hall to aid the church. "Lucille's Lover" and "The Box of Monkeys" will be presented.

Mr. Lucius A. Austin has received a package from Mr. Frank H. Bennett (his wife's father, who is at Redlands, California). It was an orange exceptionally fine and also a lemon fifteen inches in circumference. They have been exhibited at the store.

There will be an "Old Folks' Supper," next week Tuesday, Jan. 14th, at Follen vestry, and after the supper Mrs. Jarley's wax works will be presented. Come one and all and bring your two and one-half dimes and you will aid the church and give your stomach a new lease of life with the old-fashioned digestible food, also rejuvenate your brains with viewing such beautiful works of art.

One of the first duties at the commencement of the New Year is to pay our debts and one of the foremost which most people are strongly inclined to neglect, is our newspaper bills. We are expected to pay our local paper and others in advance. It costs our editors more than we realize to furnish us each week with so clean, bright and new a paper and we should cheerfully pay for it.

Monday evening the Men's Club held a preliminary meeting at Follen vestry. Capt. C. G. Kauffmann was chosen president and Mr. Chas. H. Spaulding secretary. Between sixty and seventy were present. The object of forming the club was outlined to promote sociability and for improvement. Speeches were made and it was voted to hold the next meeting on the third Monday evening in February, when officers will be chosen and by-laws made. Mr. John H. Wright prepared a delicious clam chowder which all the gentlemen enjoyed.

New Year's eve Miss Pearl E. Wright invited her many friends to a mistletoe party which was held at her pleasant home. About thirty were present. They played whist and Miss Inger Christiansen received the 1st ladies' prize. Mr. Ernest MacFarland the 1st gent's, Miss Katherine Armstrong the 2nd ladies', they enjoyed music and other games. Mistletoe was over every door and if a girl was under it after the old year was out and the new year in, you can guess the result. Ice cream, cake and candy were served and they remained until the wee small hours of morning. At their departure the air echoed with the "Happy New Year" salutation.

Rev. Mr. MacDonald preached on "The certainties in religion."—the fatherhood of God, Christ as an ideal, salvation by character. Every church acknowledges these to be true, but in many instances the minor points cover up the greater. In one church it is salvation in a special way. In another stress is placed on a

particular mode of baptism. Instead of emphasizing the minor points, we should dwell on the three essentials as liberal Christians are doing. Jesus preached a religion of love and service, pointing us to the fatherhood of God, intimating we are saved by living good lives and following in the footsteps of our guide and Saviour.

One of the most striking features of our Guild is the fact that now and then a young man consents to read a paper, Sunday evening, and we always regret that we cannot give them in full. Mr. Harold Needham read an excellent paper before the Guild, Sunday evening, on "Self Culture." Commencing with culture in childhood he strove to answer, "How does a mother train a baby? She lets the child play with nature and in that way the child comes in contact with the different substances and later learns the names of them. As it grows older it imbibes sounds and then is able to make the words papa and mamma. These words sound as a rule are never forgotten, because they are commonly used in life. At the age of five the child enters school and at twenty-one perhaps graduates from college. At this time the man should be able to read, write and speak his own language, also should be acquainted with foreign languages; but he has forgotten all he learned about geography. This shows that our schools have not yet reached the high point they aim at. A child complains of hard lessons at school, but if he worked half as hard at school as at play the difficulty would be overcome. He spoke also of the training and care of the body. A person may have a strong soul, but unless the body is cared for, he cannot overcome the difficulties of life. The breathing of pure air is a great help to our physical condition. Many young people ruin their bodies in early life by the use of liquor, which is the worst liquid to use if a person desires a healthy body. The development of strength is not alone obtained by ball playing and other games, for the soul and mind must also be developed. We should educate our wills. Some are born with strong wills. Some are born with weak wills. You cannot make a Napoleon or an Andrew Jackson out of a man born with a feeble will. The strength of the will is the power to resist, to endure, to conquer the difficulties which may be placed in the pathway of success. The Yankees inherited this trait from their English ancestors, which has been strengthened by the stern discipline of the last two centuries of hardship.

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ARLINGTON HEIGHTS LOCALS.

—Mr. Fred Curry has been absent in Montreal on a business trip.

—Miss Cordell, of Bangor, Maine, has been a guest of Mrs. George Hill.

—The Bridge Club meets on Thursday, Jan. 16, with Miss Maymie Simpson.

—There was skating on the reservoir the first of the week. The ice was smooth as glass, but we should imagine not too safe.

—The Sunshine Club met Wednesday with Mrs. Edw. I. Downing. The club meets next week with Mrs. Walter K. Hutchinson, Mass. ave., Arlington centre.

—Mrs. Wm. H. Ware has been having quite a serious trouble from a cut on one of her hands which threatened to be a case of blood poisoning. Mrs. Ware has also been a victim of the grippie.

—The Clover Comedy Club gave "The Doctor," at the Y. M. C. A. rooms on Boylston street, Boston, Tuesday evening, before a large and appreciative audience. This was the club's fourth appearance before the association.

—The Choral Club, under the leadership of its director, Mr. Stone, met Monday evening in the Arlington Heights Reading room. There were between twenty-five and thirty present. The club has begun practice for a concert that will be given some time in February.

—Ladies Guild of Park Avenue Cong'l church has elected the following officers to serve for the year—Pres., Mrs. Geo. H. Averill; vice-pres., Mrs. George A. Buntin; secretary, Mrs. L. D. Bradley; treas., Miss Margaret Henderson. Work Committee, Mrs. Elder, Mrs. Miles, Mrs. Darves, Mrs. Goodwillie; Flower committee, Mrs. Church, Mrs. Nicoll, Mrs. Whitton; Visiting committee, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Hadley, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Simonds.

—Forty-nine members of Park Avenue Cong'l church were present on last Friday evening and answered to the roll-call conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. G. Taylor, and clerk, Mr. Edw. Nicoll. Many who were unable to be present sent words of greeting. The pastor had a word of encouragement and advice for the beginning of the new year and other appropriate remarks were made by Mr. Wm. H. McLehan, Mr. A. F. Breed and Mr. Morrison. At the conclusion of the meeting many lingered to enjoy an hour of social intercourse.

—The A. O. U. W. Lodge, No. 77, held a jollification on last Friday evening to celebrate the lodge's return to Crescent Hall for its meeting place. The lodge for many years met at the Heights, but for the past two or three years has been meeting in G. A. R. Hall. A committee, composed of Messrs. R. S. Torry and C. H. Jones, had the evening in charge and secured the Crescent Hill Band, which furnished music throughout the evening. A temporary bowling alley was constructed and the sports was participated in by members, also other games. Refreshments were served and a full of enjoyment for the large company present, which included many guests. One application for membership was received at this time. The next meeting of the lodge occurs Jan. 17.

—The attendance has been unusually large at the union meetings held this week in the different churches in observance of the "Week of Prayer." The services opened on last Sabbath evening in the Methodist church when the sermon was by Rev. J. G. Taylor, of the Park Avenue church. Monday evening there were fully two hundred present at the meeting held in the same church, when the sermon was delivered by Rev. Mr. Baird, of the Baptist church. Tuesday and Wednesday meetings were held in Park Avenue church with Revs. Mr. Reimer and J. G. Taylor preaching. Mr. Reimer also delivered the sermon at the Baptist church, Thursday evening. This (Friday) evening Mr. Taylor will address the meeting at the same place. The services will be concluded on Sunday, in the Park Avenue church, with the sermon by Rev. Mr. Baird. The services of the week have been enhanced by the presence of the gospel singers, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. King, of Pittsburgh, Penn., who have led in the song service which has opened each of the meetings and have also contributed solo and duet numbers. The testimonial services that have concluded each meeting have been one of the most satisfying features and no doubt much spiritual good will be the result of these services that have been attended by a good representation from all three of the churches joining in the meetings.

—Thursday evening Miss Daisy Swadkins gave a pupil's recital at the Methodist church, assisted by Miss Zaida Gaines, reader, and Master Laburton Hulbert, violinist. The church was filled with the parents, and friends of the pupils and teacher. Miss Swadkins' musical temperament was displayed in the unique and enjoyable program arranged for her pupils, who did their teacher credit. There were two parts to the program and in the first half the pupils were assisted by enjoyable recitations given by Miss Gaines and the violin playing of Master Hulbert. The second half was a kindergarten symphonic poem, executed on the piano by Anna Hendrick, Doris Johnson, Gladys Manley, Vera Sanford, Americo Chaves, Undine Weston, Dorothy Hulbert and Florence Dacey. It was Hoffmann's Story of the Nut-cracker and the Mouse-King; music by Carl Reinecke. Other pupils having a part in the evening's programme were Clarence Whelpley, Vera Kenney, Farnham Harding, Herbert Eaton. The entire program was in keeping with the Christmas season just past. Miss Swadkins gave the prelude, "By the Fireside," in the Christmas Suite by Turner. Miss Swadkins is an organism of ability, and that she is also a conscientious and thorough teacher of the piano-forte was demonstrated in the musical on Thursday.

Correspondence.

Civic Betterment.

January 1, 1908, marked the tenth anniversary of the establishment of free delivery of mail matter at Arlington Heights. Looking back over these successful years, during which the volume of business has steadily increased, it is hard to realize what opposition was shown to the change from the old way, where every one was obliged to go or send to the office for their mail. When free delivery was asked for in this section, a petition of over two hundred names was secured, and this petition was aided in its progress by Mr. George E. Evans, the Post Office Inspector in Boston, and his friend, Senator Lodge, of Washington. Col. Thomas, the popular Boston post-

master, was the first to extend help to those who made the effort for delivery in a section hard to cover, with few men and a small appropriation; but the work was accomplished, and on January 1st, 1898, free delivery was a fact. April 19, 1898, the Heights station was made independent as a postal centre, and the people who had opposed free delivery (about forty of them), became enthusiastic in praise of the service.

Of course there were mistakes at first, as the man sent from the Boston office did not know the people, or the streets and houses were improperly numbered or lacked numbers. It takes a genius and practical application of genius to mark out new lines of work and make them a success. It was fortunate for the residents of this section that a man like John J. Murray was soon sent to straighten out the tangle made by the first worker, and it is a pleasure to note that John J. Murray completes ten years of service on this route, with ten full years of free delivery and an independent post office at Arlington Heights.

James A. Blanchard, a Grand Army Journe and member of Post 36 of Arlington, was made postmaster in 1900. On account of failing health, he was succeeded by Mrs. Blanchard, July 1, 1906, who is to-day postmistress of the Arlington Heights station, and a better, brighter, more competent or willing official is not to be found in the official ranks of our government. Mrs. Blanchard is a member of the Women's Relief Corps and has a father living (Mr. William Smith), who has celebrated his 99th birthday; but Mrs. Blanchard can provide for all the demands upon her in the line of duty, placing those demands in other hands and gives herself to the service of the Post Office department. It is a tiny office, so far as space goes, but there is a large quantity of mail daily and three carriers to distribute it. The working force of this office is very fine and it carries out to perfection all the details of a perfect service. The public do not realize what is done to produce such excellent service as that of our postal department. The Arlington Heights station is officered as follows: Mrs. Sarah A. Blanchard, clerk in charge; Daniel J. Sullivan, clerk; carriers, Messrs. John J. Murray, Ernest C. Andrews and Frank H. Stone.

Mr. John J. Murray, the first letter carrier, was tendered a reception at his home, 147 Warner street, on the evening of January 2, recognizing his long and faithful service in this section, where he is very popular among the residents and he is also popular and appreciated by his comrades. Free delivery of mail-matter has spread wonderfully within ten years, but Arlington Heights has to work for her share, and it has been a benefit all along the line.

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Believing that exact knowledge promotes co-operation, the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company is publishing a series of brief expositions of some phases of telephony, for the benefit of itself, and, as it hopes, for the benefit of all telephone users.

"CENTRAL" AND HER WORK

The telephone company is engaged in what has become one of the most important of public services. Its purpose is to put people into communication with each other in the quickest way possible and to maintain communication without interruption. Above all, it endeavors to perform this function—always performed under exacting conditions and frequently in the face of considerable difficulties—with unflinching courtesy.

The New England company, having provided a most efficient plant for the needs of each individual community, trains its operators painstakingly before it allows them to handle the public's business, and supervises their work closely after they are assigned to the regular switchboards of its exchanges. Applicants for positions as operators must meet high personal standards before they are accepted even as students. The care with which the raw material, so to speak, is selected appears in the fact that only 60 per cent of the applicants who present themselves are finally employed. One of the advantages of the training system is that it enables a young woman who finds her ideas about the work to have been wrong, to withdraw without waste of time or embarrassment, and allows the company to determine pretty definitely the ultimate fitness of the candidate before the interests of telephone users have been entrusted to her.

As students, the operators are taught to do their work intelligently as well as with mechanical precision. They are given practice in the actual operation of the switchboard, special apparatus being provided for that purpose, and are educated to meet the almost inconceivably varied situations likely to arise when they become the composite young person

known as "Central." They learn not by rote alone, but by observation and experience as well, their teachers taking the place of the public for the time being, and present, so far as they can, the public's various phases. Even the most skillful training cannot, of course, immediately make a beginner as efficient as an experienced hand. It does insure uniformity of methods, however, and equips the novice to become an adept much sooner than she otherwise could. It makes her self-reliant, and enables her to deal understandingly with the emergencies constantly arising in the work of the exchange.

The discipline of the central office is strict, but every employee is treated with the utmost consideration. The amount of work each operator has to do is determined with great care that no one shall be overloaded and thereby affect unfavorably the quality of the service. Besides the chief operator there are supervisors, their number depending on the size of the exchange, who keep the work of operators under constant observation, see that it is done in accordance with the rules adopted by the company as necessary to good service, and act as mentors in cases of difficulty.

The New England company takes great pride in its operating force. It believes that in no industry is there to be found a more efficient, earnest, faithful set of employees—faithful alike to the company and to the public to which the company is responsible. The work of the telephone operator has taken no mean place among the professions of women, and it is a source of great satisfaction that the public's appreciation of "Central's" character, and the greater consideration which follows better acquaintance and understanding, are more general and more apparent each year.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. LAND COURT.

To John J. Henderson and Robert Henderson, Jr., of Cambridge, in the County of Middlesex, and said Commonwealth; Laurits Christensen, Mary J. McComb and Catherine Gallagher of Arlington, in said County of Middlesex; Warren W. Rawson, trustee under the will of Warren Rawson, late of said Arlington, deceased; and to all whom it may concern:—

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court by Annie Lawrence of said Arlington to register and confirm her title in the following described land:—

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated in said Arlington, bounded and described as follows:—Southwesterly by Cottage street, which is shown on a plan by G. E. Allen, of Laurits Christensen one hundred (100) feet northwesterly by land of John J. Henderson and of Robert Henderson, Jr., fifty (50) feet, southwesterly by land of John J. Henderson and of Robert Henderson, Jr., one hundred (100) feet, containing five thousand (5000) square feet of land, thirty (30) feet in width.

Petitioner claims as an encumbrance appurtenant to said parcel of land the right to use for all purposes for which public streets are commonly used so much of said Cottage street (a private way, which is shown on a plan by G. E. Allen, of C. E. Allen, filed with said petition, as extends from Henderson street to the southeasterly line of said parcel extended across said way, said way being thirty (30) feet in width.

The above described land is shown on a plan filed with said petition, and all boundary lines are claimed to be located on the ground as shown on said plan.

You are hereby cited to appear at the Land Court to be held at Boston, in the County of Suffolk, on the third day of February, A. D. 1908, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted. And unless you appear at said Court at the time and place aforesaid your default will be recorded, and the said petition will be taken as confessed, and you will be forever barred from contesting said petition or any decree entered thereon.

Witness, LEONARD A. JONES, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this seventh day of January in the year nineteen hundred and eight.

Attest with Seal of said Court.
CLARENCE C. SMITH, Recorder.
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. PROBATE COURT.

MIDDLESEX, SS.

To the Lexington Home for Aged People, The Society in Boston which cares for discharged criminals from the prisons and reformatories, Clara W. Harrington, Martha M. Harrington and Ellen E. Harrington, all of Lexington in said County, and Dana Malone, Attorney General for said Commonwealth.

Whereas, Clara W. Harrington and William I. Parker, executors of the will of Elizabeth W. Harrington, late of said Lexington, deceased, have presented to said Court their petition, praying for instructions as to whom the legacy given by the fifteenth item of said will shall be paid.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be holden at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the third day of February, A. D. 1908, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, against the same. And said petitioners are ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each of you who may be found in said Court by affidavit that you all have had actual notice of the proceeding, by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Lexington MINSTERMAN, a newspaper published in Lexington, the last publication to be seven days, at least, before said Court.

Witness, CHARLES J. MCINTIRE, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eighth day of January, in the year one thousand nine hundred and eight.

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MIDDLESEX, SS.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of ROWENA H. HOWE, late of Lexington, in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Edw. H. Jones, of Lexington, in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on her bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twentieth day of January, A. D. 1908, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Lexington MINSTERMAN, a newspaper published in Lexington, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

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WASHINGTON LETTER

[Special Correspondence.]

The Congressional library, now the third in point of size in the world, contained 1,433,848 books and pamphlets and some 900,000 other articles at the close of the last fiscal year. The net gain in miscellaneous books and pamphlets during the year was 54,604. The most notable single acquisition—not included in the count—was the celebrated Yudin library of works on Russia and Siberia. Though nominally a purchase, this collection of over 80,000 volumes was practically a gift to the library, since the owner parted with it for little more than one-third the sum expended in gathering it.

Addition to Library.
The purchase is considered noteworthy as an indication of the broadening scope of the library and its increasing value to scholars. There is no other collection on Russia and Siberia of such size in America, and perhaps none so valuable in Europe outside of Russia. It is rich in local history, ethnology and institutional history. The material includes certain manuscript records of the early Russian settlements in Alaska.

Another important acquisition is a collection of 9,000 works on Japan, mainly in the Japanese language. The books and manuscripts were selected in Japan by Professor Asakawa of Yale, whose purpose was to secure a good working collection for the student of Japanese literature, history and institutions.

Important Gifts.
Among the important gifts were the Shoemaker and the Kauffmann collections and valuable manuscripts and papers of the period of Washington, Jefferson, Madison and Monroe by bequest from J. Henley Smith. Other gifts and purchases of especial value, including a collection of forty-six rare books and 113 prints presented by Mrs. Ridgely Hunt, are also listed.

Valuable Manuscripts.
The reports of the various divisions are summarized, while that of the manuscripts division is printed in extenso as an appendix. In this field among the notable additions by gift were the letters of Justice John McLean of the supreme court, the papers of Chaplain Joseph C. Thomas of the Christian commission in the civil war, two Revolutionary order books, a series of twenty-five papers relating to the trial of Colonel Thomas Butler and thirty-two letters addressed to Cyrus W. Field. The purchases included the letters of Judge Joseph Holt of Washington and of Governor William Plumer of New Hampshire, the papers of Edward McPherson, 300 letters of Thaddeus Stevens and many other items of interest. Under the law of 1903 the Pickett papers (diplomatic records of the Confederate states) were transferred to the library from the treasury department and interesting Confederate and other records from the postoffice department.

Increase in Documents.
The division of documents shows an increase of 70 per cent in the number of volumes and pamphlets handled, the total being 33,426. Special attention has been given in the past year to developing the collections of foreign documents by obtaining the volumes necessary to complete sets in the library. The report contains a list of the countries with which international exchange relations have been established.

Among the special collections to which large additions were made during the year is the maps division, which now has a total of 100,000 pieces; the music division, which now has a total of nearly 500,000, and the prints division, which has a total of 255,000.

Would Drink at Street Tables.
Men who promenade Washington's wide thoroughfares with all the languid ease of the Parisian saunterer and who would dearly like to be called boulevardiers have a complaint. Wherever the strollers in the "champs Elysees" carry their tables for the serving of refreshments the American capital is destitute of such attractions. They want the avenues lined with booths where coffee or tea at least could be served. In the opinion of the young diplomats the American capital never can be truly great until this defect is remedied. As it is, they may walk for miles and find no spot where they may revive their failing strength except with alcoholic drinks.

Smiths in the House.
Despite the fact that William Alden went to the senate and George W. of Illinois died, there are still five Smiths in the house. One of the new ones is Madison R. Smith of Farmington, Mo., who is both materialist and idealist. He says in the new congressional directory he "began the active practice of the law in 1877, since when his entire time has been devoted to the profession, not merely for the emoluments, but for an unselfish love of its study."

Decorating the Station.
Although the sum of \$13,000,000 already has been expended on the Union railway station, it is estimated that \$5,000,000 more will be needed before the terminal and the approach can be finished. The rotunda will not be completed in the next two months, although the work is going on rapidly. The scaffold in the rotunda is the largest in the world and cost \$3,000. Contractors say it costs \$300 to move the mammoth structure, on which 500 laborers can work at once.

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BRITAIN'S AWAKENING

Opinions of Eminent Englishmen on Municipal Ownership.

Increasing Debt and Taxes, Failure to Provide for the Future, Reckless Expenditure and Difficulty in Keeping Good Men as Officials Are Some of the Results They Note—The Open Door for Socialism.

The Yorkshire Observer quotes the mayor of Bradford as saying in a public meeting that on account of the great demands upon the time of members of the council it was difficult to get good men to enter or remain in that body. Yet the corporation had £11,000,000 invested in its undertakings, which must be managed in some way or other, good, bad or indifferent.

According to Dr. Ingram, chairman of the finance committee of Woolwich, that borough reached the verge of bankruptcy under the management of the M. C. party, which tried to show that the electric plant was profitable by the simple expedient of not paying bills. The new administration was faced with a floating indebtedness of \$75,000, which had to be provided for by taxation.

The Yorkshire Observer states that at a meeting of the Rotherham borough council Alderman Gummer objected to the amount which the gas undertaking contributed to the rates on the ground that it had been made possible only by raising the price of gas and thus making its consumers bear an unfair proportion of the rates. This bore especially upon the poor, who use gas instead of electricity.

If a city is well governed municipal ownership is the most dangerous thing imaginable and should be carefully avoided. There is always the danger that the public utilities the city is supposed to own will become nothing more or less than the private property of the people at the head of the government, who will work to their own advantage and the enhancement of their private wealth.—William T. Stead, Editor Review of Reviews.

At the fifth annual conference of the Municipal Tramways association G. W. Holford, general manager of the Salford corporation tramways, stated that the probable average life of rails was twelve years. Commenting upon the fact that in many cities no depreciation or renewals fund was being set aside he "earnestly warned the gentlemen responsible that serious results would follow in ten or twelve years' time, when heavy calls would have to be made upon the ratepayers for the purpose of renewals."

Four years ago London took over its waterworks, with the result that water rates have increased rather than diminished. Referring to the operating expenses, Sir Melville Bencheroff, chairman of the water board, recently said:

"So far it must be admitted that no saving has been effected. I do not think that it was ever anticipated that there would be any saving in the expenses of administration, as the management of a trading concern by a municipal body must always involve expenditure quite outside that which falls on a private company."

In my opinion, the root of the evil is to be found in the too great facilities afforded by parliament for crazy municipal traders to borrow money upon periods of repayment out of all proportion to the lifetime of the work upon which the money is expended. In Huddersfield we are wearing out our third set of tram rails, and yet payment for the first set will not be completed until 1957. In our capital of £144,000 for some thirty miles of tramways there is at least £100,000 for which we cannot produce any asset whatever.—T. H. Moore, Esq., Alderman and Chairman, Huddersfield Corporation Tramways.

An English correspondent writes: "The tram cars in Liverpool until late years were owned by a private company, whereas now they are owned by the corporation. In the time of private ownership overcrowding was unknown; now it is the rule. On inquiring the reason of the change I was told that it was this: The regulations as to numbers remain the same, but they are never enforced. The police dare not enforce it because they are servants of the corporation; the corporation will not enforce it because its enforcement would mean a reduction in the receipts, and the borough bench so largely consists of justices either members of the corporation or under its influence that no conviction would be obtained."

Keir Hardie, one of the Socialist members of parliament, voiced the sentiments of English Socialists when he said at Bradford a year ago:

"It becomes increasingly evident that Socialism in this country will come through the municipalities—municipal gas, municipal water, municipal gas, municipal electricity, municipal bread, municipal coal and municipal land. These things are all putting the people, or will put them, in possession and control of the essentials of life, and that is what Socialism aims at."

Roswell, N. M., has voted two to one against bonding for a city water plant.

WOMAN AND FASHION

A French Model.

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Choices in Gowns.

The woman who is buying just one gown, and that a handsome one, should pay special attention to the fit of her costume, for this is a season when one cannot take many liberties with the set of a gown. Fashion says that the shape may be either empire or princess, but both of these are rather difficult for the home dressmaker to manage, and it is a good thing to have the fitting done by a professional, even though the trimming may be managed at home. The hips and shoulders must be very snug and the waist molded as though in wax.

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A Waist Trimming.

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- 27 Corner Mystic and Summer Streets.
- 28 Mystic Street, near Fairview Avenue.
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- 32 Pleasant Street, near Lake Street.
- 34 Pleasant Street opp. Gray.
- 35 Pleasant Streets bet. Addison and Wellington.
- 36 Town Hall.
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NEW SHORT STORIES

The Real Thing.

Just why Dr. Wiley, the government's pure food expert, should have cared to take chances with restaurant food is not known. Not long ago he walked into a Washington cafe and took a seat. He evidently knew just what he wanted: for, waving aside the bill of fare the bowing waiter proffered, he said:

"Bring me a chicken pie—one of those little individual pies."

A few minutes later it was set before him, brown and hot, and with a



"TAKE THIS AWAY," HE COMMANDED.

smile of anticipation he broke the crust to find just beneath a three inch feather.

"Take this away," he commanded.

"What does it mean anyway? Tell me that."

The waiter was evidently a man of resource, for he immediately leaned over and said in a confidential voice:

"Why, Ah'll tell yo', sah. It's dis way. Yo' know dat Dr. Wiley been raisin' such er howl 'bout food not bein' what hit was claimed ter be, de cook des puts one chicken feeder in each one of dem pies to show ter folks dat day's receebin' de genuwine article, sah."—Success.

Stephen Crane as a Paraphraser.

A magazine editor took down a volume dated 1894:

"Stephen Crane, the man of genius who died in youth," he said, "used to write humorous paragraphs for me. Here is a little thing of his. I think it's awfully good. I'll read it to you."

And he read this brilliant burlesque of a lovers' parting:

"It was 6 o'clock and George Tresham had been spending the afternoon with sweet Lillian Bellairs.

"Goodby, darling," the young man said fondly as they stood at the door.

"Goodby, George," she murmured, nestling her head in the time honored place.

"Goodby."

"Goodby."

"In every parting, dearest, there is the image of death," George Tresham whispered, kissing the girl passionately.

"Do you know that we may never meet again?"

"Oh, George, darling," she cried, clinging to him fiercely.

"Who knows, my own, what may happen ere we see each other once more?"

"Oh, George, say that you will come back to me—back to your own little loving Lillian! My George, the same beautiful and brave George you have always been."

"Trust me, Lillian, darling; trust your George."

"Oh, George," she said, strong in the faith which women have, "I do trust you! How could I love you if I did not? And she kissed him fondly.

"Then I shall come again, Lillian, my own."

"But when, George? she whispered passionately."

"At 8 this evening, darling."

"Oh, George," she wailed, "must it be so long as that? So long, so long?"

"He took her tenderly in his arms.

"Darling," he whispered, "I will make it half past 7."

"And it came to pass as he had spoken."

Noncommittal.

Every year, some new story is told around the capitol to illustrate Senator Allison's well known aversion to making a positive statement on any subject. Two years ago it was about an Iowa man's bet that the senator would not say a flock of sheep were sheared. The wager was won, as the senator on seeing the flock remarked that they seemed "to have been sheared on this side." Last year the story had to do with something which actually occurred in the senate. It had been a heavy snow. The District of Columbia had proposed an amendment to the clearing the sidewalks act, where

Her Titian Rival.

By MARTHA COBB SANFORD.

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"Wanted, a talented and vivacious young woman fond of children and of art to accompany mother and son abroad. Must have red hair."

"Well, of all things!" exclaimed Zephine Holliday. "What a funny advertisement and if it doesn't hit me off to a T."

She read it over again, as if to convince herself that it was really not an optical illusion. Then she settled down to think it over.

A large half packed trunk stood open before her, and about her on table, chairs and floor were piled all her worldly accessories, for Zephine was to start the next day for a distant western city, where she had accepted the position of teacher of everything from elementary arithmetic, which she despised, to the history of art, which she loved, but had no particular desire to try to make a lot of giggling young girls love with an equal ardor.

Still there seemed nothing else to do now that the college course was over, and there were no surplus funds in the family exchequer.

"I'll answer that ad. in person," Zephine announced to the trunk, whose expansive yawn indicated expressively its amazement. "A kindergarten of one somehow sounds more attractive than a boarding school full of scatter brained girls, especially when it has with it a trip to Europe thrown in."

When Zephine rang the Maxwell bell that afternoon at the address given in the advertisement, she looked captivated enough to adorn any European party, no matter how fastidious its constituents. Her smart little autumn hat and her trim tail costume both toned in harmoniously with the gold bronze of her hair that blew about coquettishly in the stirring breeze.

After sending up her card Zephine, with a half conscious sign of appreciation, sank down into the cushioned depths of a luxurious easy chair to await the presence of the mysterious mother. When the latter entered the drawing room Zephine gazed upon her with frank admiration. She was stately and beautiful and above all undeniably motherly.

"You came in answer to my advertisement in the morning paper?" she asked. Her sweet naturalness quite banished all Zephine's embarrassment.

"Yes, I-I thought I would like to know more about it," the girl answered cautiously.

"You are fond of art, Miss Holliday—do you paint?"

"I'm not an artist, if that is what you mean, but I am very fond of pictures and paint a little for my own amusement. Do you wish me to teach your son how to paint, Mrs. Maxwell?"

"Oh, no, indeed; just help him out a bit now and then with a suggestion. He likes to have his own way about doing things, only he needs some one who is in sympathy with his little fads and fancies. You like children, don't you, Miss Holliday? Of course that is essential."

"I can't live without them," Zephine replied with glowing enthusiasm. "And how could she? If it were not for children her chances of earning a livelihood would be small indeed."

"If you are vivacious, I do not need to ask," commented Mrs. Maxwell, glancing at Zephine with genuine approval. "I like to have Ralph have lively companionship. He's so staid himself. He leads me altogether too merry a chase."

"But why is red hair essential?" Zephine finally plucked up sufficient courage to inquire, at the same time blushing bewitchingly.

Mrs. Maxwell laughed softly.

"Oh, that's just to satisfy one of Ralph's whims. He's so cranky since he got over his long illness, poor boy, that we do all we can to please him in every little way. And he simply dotes on red hair. Why, he always paints women with red hair, and last Christmas, when we were selecting a doll for a little girl friend of his, he insisted on her having red hair."

Zephine joined in the laugh and almost forgot her misgivings over the prospect of her handling this "crank" and evidently spoiled son of an over-fond mother, who frankly acknowledged that she couldn't handle him herself.

When the arrangements were finally concluded Zephine walked home in a daze. She brought herself back to reality long enough, however, to send a telegram to the distant boarding school, which she would never enlighten with her funds of knowledge after all.

"Well," she announced to the hospitable trunk, which still gaped in astonishment when she returned, "it's lucky my clothes are all in order. Think of it, we start for Europe old trunk, day after tomorrow, you and I—and Ralph and Ralph's mother," she added in a subdued undertone. "I wish I'd seen the kid. I know he's incorrigible."

The day for sailing was ideally fair. Mrs. Maxwell met Zephine at the steamer and accompanied her to her stateroom, establishing herself comfortably there with much motherly kindness.

"After the farewells are over you and Ralph must get acquainted," she said, hastening back to the deck.

Zephine herself had a few goodbyes to wave. Indeed, she was a central

figure of attraction as she stood at the all of the steamer waving her hand cheerily, all unconscious of her picturesqueness as the sun crept under the brim of her hat and made a bright glory of her hair.

"By George, isn't she a stunner!" Zephine could not help hear a young man near her exclaim.

She smiled with confusion and was ready to see her patroness approaching.

"Let me introduce my son Ralph," Mrs. Maxwell said proudly, laying her hand on the arm of the young man who had just complimented Zephine so spontaneously. "I expect you two to get on famously together."

Ralph extended his hand with willing cordiality, but Zephine stood transfixed with astonishment. At last she looked at Mrs. Maxwell appealingly.

"I thought he was a little boy," she gasped helplessly.

The explanations that followed were chaotic at best. Mrs. Maxwell supposed, of course, that Zephine knew of her son, Ralph Maxwell, the artist, the popular portrait painter of children and modern madonnas. Why, had she not mentioned especially how he painted all women with red hair? That is why she had thought it would give him particular pleasure to have the third member of their party possess this distinctive mark of beauty.

And as for Ralph—why, he himself had been entirely ignorant of the whole plot until that very morning, when his mother had revealed it to him, telling him with boundless enthusiasm that she had asked Miss Holliday, a charming young woman, to accompany them on their trip so that he would have some one to share his art enthusiasm with and to join him in his tireless jaunts in search of picturesque children to pose for him.

While this rapid fire of elucidation was going on Zephine looked from one to the other in her effort to comprehend the situation. Finally she burst out laughing a trifle hysterical perhaps, but still it was the vivacious Zephine coming to her rescue.

Mrs. Maxwell sighed and smiled at all once.

"Oh, I'm so glad we all understand each other now. And I know we're going to be the best of friends."

With this optimistic assertion she turned to greet an old acquaintance.

"And so you thought I was a kid," laughed Ralph, looking at Zephine with undisguised admiration. "Well, I am pretty much of a one. You'll have to take me in hand just the same. I may not mind promptly sometimes, but that will be because I'm oblivious to everything save the glory of your hair."

"It's dyed. I did it to get the job," replied Zephine, as she turned and left the young man staring blankly after her.

On the last day out Zephine sat curled up comfortably in her stateroom chair, pretending to read. Ralph sat not far off sketching her, as she very well knew.

"When we get settled in the studio I shall make a portrait of you, Miss Holliday—that is, if you are willing."

"Then I shall be both a dyed and painted lady," she laughed teasingly. "An irresistible combination."

Ralph made no reply, but gazed at her so steadily that at last Zephine was compelled to raise her eyes.

"I could love you in spite of either," was the unexpected declaration that he made in response to her questioning glance. "But fortunately I'm not put to the test. All the dyes in the world couldn't produce the matchless brightness and beauty of your hair, dear. Why did you try to deceive me, Zephine?"

"Were you deceived?"

"For a day or two, because you shocked me into it. You haven't told me why yet."

"Oh, because you annoyed me that very first day by making love to my hair. Everybody does. It's my rival, and I-I wanted you to make love to me."

"And didn't I do it the very next day?"

Zephine looked at him indignantly.

"Yes, and every day since. You're every bit the incorrigible boy I imagined you."

"Only this incorrigible boy is in love with his teacher," answered Ralph, stealing hold of her warm little hand beneath the steamer rug.

Night Watchmen's Woes.

A night watchman employed by a construction company called at the office one day last week and asked to be transferred to some other building.

"I want a job," he said, "in some neighborhood that ain't so hot as this one. It's too high toned up there for me. If you haven't anything else for me to do I'll look for another job, that's all."

The manager saw that the man was in earnest, and he promised to move him into a less exclusive section of the city.

"All night watchmen," the manager explained, "have a prejudice against very fine neighborhoods. They have to keep too quiet there. Most watchmen in order to keep the time from dragging heavily have recourse to some particular pastime. One man in our employ insists upon having on hand a small stack of boards, which he piles up and tears down at intervals throughout the night. In a quiet neighborhood the residents are disturbed by the clatter of the boards and the man is soundly berated for his activity. Again, night watchmen like to talk. They stop every nocturnal stroller and talk as long as the victim will listen. Neighbors who cannot sleep well complain about that too. In fact, in the very aristocratic sections the only thing a watchman can do that doesn't get him into trouble is to sit still and count his fingers."—New York Sun.

NEW ZEALAND'S RAILWAYS.

Keen Financial Analysis by Professor Le Rossignol of Denver.

A recent issue of Moody's Magazine contains a thorough analysis of "New Zealand Railway Finance" by Professor J. E. Le Rossignol of the University of Denver. The writer points out that the New Zealand government, which owns the railways, "borrows money at 3.75 per cent and latently at 4 per cent for the maintenance of railways which earn less than 2.50 per cent upon the capital cost, and this yearly deficit of over 2.25 per cent must ultimately fall upon the taxpayers."

Commenting on a tabular exhibit of the finances, Professor Le Rossignol says:

"From these figures it is clear that the capital cost of the roads had increased out of all proportion to the increase in mileage, that the working expenses have increased much faster than the gross earnings and that the net loss in ten years has amounted to the enormous sum of \$4,380,147, or more than \$21,000,000, and this in a time of great prosperity, which cannot be expected to last forever."

After showing that fares average about the same as in this country the service is described as follows:

"There are no night trains, and the service on most of the lines is rather infrequent. The best service in New Zealand is that between Christchurch and Invercargill, where there are two express trains daily, traveling at a speed of twenty-five miles an hour. On most of the other lines express trains travel from fifteen to twenty miles an hour and ordinary trains from ten to fourteen miles an hour."

The author goes into considerable detail in regard to freight rates, which he considers to average about five times those of the United States. The most serious charge against the management is that it lends itself to political uses:

"Politics has had altogether too much to do with the construction of roads, the appointment and promotion of officials, the frequency of service, the fixing of rates and the departmental administration in general. Railways have frequently been built for the sake of securing votes rather than traffic and business has been so often subordinated to politics that it is no wonder that the net returns are political rather than financial in their character."

DEAD OR DYING.

Reaction Is Slow, but Sure, Against Civic Commercialism.

The mayor of Holland, Mich., writes that negotiations are on foot to have a private company supply the lighting. It would cost \$30,000 to put the municipal plant in condition for efficient service.

At a citizens' meeting recently held in Trenton, Mich., the city council was instructed to enter into negotiations for the sale of the electric light plant.

Chester, Ill., has voted against the purchase of the waterworks system.

Manitowoc, Wis., recently voted two to one against purchasing the waterworks and four to three in favor of submitting the question of rates to the state commission. Only about a quarter of the regular vote was polled, which is not encouraging to advocates of the referendum.

By a vote of 329 to 44 the people of Washington, Ind., rejected a scheme for remodeling the municipal lighting plant notwithstanding the alternative presented by the common council of providing for extensive repairs or eventually abandoning the business of municipal lighting. The plant has fallen behind year after year, although liberal appropriations have been made for its support, and repairs have been neglected till it is little better than a mass of junk. An expert who recently examined it decided that it would require \$28,000 to put the plant in good running order, and the people were asked to vote on the question of expense. The negative vote means that the plant will be sold.

Who Profits?

Politicians manage municipal affairs in such a way that their own interests are cared for first and public service is only a minor and subsidiary feature. Money collected from taxpayers is spent for the benefit of the "gang" instead of for that of the people, and the consequence is that enterprises conducted by the city are invariably not merely ill managed, but enormously expensive.

There is no reason to hope that this state of affairs will be changed so long as human nature remains what it is, and therefore the people will not be likely in their sober senses to intrust any public utility that can safely be left in the hands of private enterprise to any city government.—Chicago Journal.

The Dream and the Reality.

Municipal jobs are usually given out as political rewards. The fitness of the applicant, his faithfulness to duty, his honesty, integrity and industry are all secondary considerations. His faithfulness and his value to party or faction are of first importance to the party managers who really run all municipal plants. The result is indifference and extravagance, high costs of production and operation—in short, the complete annihilation of the beautiful theory of the dream.—Councilville (Pa.) Courier.

The Tax Rate in Indiana.

Indiana is one of the few states that have a bureau of statistics. Its latest report shows that the tax rate in the twenty-eight cities which operate their own light and water plants is \$1.04, while the rate in the other fifty-seven cities is only \$1.77.

HUMOR OF THE HOUR

Always the Way.

Tommy had been invited to dine at a learned professor's house, and his mother was anxious for his good behavior at table. She gave him elaborate instructions.

"Well, Tommy, how did you get on?" she asked on his return. "You are quite sure you didn't do anything impolite?"

"Well, no, ma—at least nothing to speak of."

The mother's anxiety was aroused. "Ah, then, there was something wrong. Now tell me all about it, Tommy."

"Oh, it wasn't much. You see, I was trying to cut my meat when it slipped off the plate on to the floor."

"Oh, my dear boy! What ever did you do?"

"I just said sort of carelessly, 'That's always the way with tough meat,' and went on with my dinner!"—Pick-Me-Ups.

Had It Down Fine.

The housewife was showing her new chambermaid through the upstairs when finally they came to a staircase leading down into the rear yard.

"Mum," said she, stepping out on the landing, "whenever you wish to pass down to the back yard go down this way."

Just then the speaker slipped and was precipitated with a great clattering to the bottom.

"Are yez hurt, mum?" cried the frightened chambermaid, staring down from above.

"No, it's nothing," came the return as the disheveled mistress rose to her feet in proof.

"Till ye've got it down foiner, mum, but 'er job's too strenuous fer me!"—Judge.

Extra Rent.

"I accidentally tore one of the curtains this morning," said the roomer. "What's to be done about it?"

"I'll tell the landlady," replied the chambermaid, "and she'll put it down as extra rent!"—Detroit Tribune.

She Was Hopeful.

"But," said the timid young man, "if we elope, darling, will your parents ever forgive us?"

"Yes, dear," answered the fair maid—"that is if we are not too long about it!"—Chicago News.

Overheard at School.



"Willie Green," said the teacher, "you will define the word memory."

"Memory," said Willie, "is what we forget with."

Perhaps She Did.

"Did your daughter inherit her talent for drawing?"

"Well, I never thought of it before, but it may be that she did. One of my brothers is a dentist!"—Houston Post.

He Pays.

She—What do you want for a Christ-mas present, hubby, dear?

He—Nothing, thank you. The recent panic compels me to economize this year.—Los Angeles Times.

A Question of Honor.

Sadly the pickpocket surveyed the interior of a fat purse.

"Nothing but samples," he muttered. "Is there no honor among women?"—Philadelphia Ledger.

A Real Difficulty.

New Cook (omenacingly)—Maam, I ain't a woman to mince matters.

Mistress (timidly)—Gracious me, cook, then how can you make pie?—Baltimore American.

Obliged to Hustle.

Hewitt—Grunt is a hustler. He is always on the move.

Jewett—He has to be on the move. He never pays his rent.—New York Press.

What He Learns at School.

He can weave a raffia basket.
He can weave a pasteboard box.
He can weave a waddy pitcher.
(Some two inches out of plumb)—
He can work in brass and iron—
Strange he cannot

do
a
SUM.

He can knit, and he can hemstitch;
He can draw and paint and sing;
He can work in wood and leather;
He can knit the festive string;
He can weave a mat superbly
And in stringing beads excel,
Truly Willie is a wonder—
Strange he cannot

read
and
SPELL.

Willie's father, as it happens,
Is a queer, old-fashioned crank
Who centers in education
The three R's should hold first rank.
And it grieves him that his offspring
Should grow up in ignorance quite,
So he's buckled down to business
And is teaching

Bill
at
NIGHT.

FRESH INFORMATION.

Napoleon and His Attitude Toward the Common Soldier.

Napoleon understood human nature. He recognized the great truth, "As a man thinks in his heart so is he," and knew how to apply it not only to himself and his own ambitious projects, but to other men as well. Moreover, he knew precisely the right moment to apply it to quicken the spark of divine energy which smolders in every man, although the ashes of fatigue and failure may cover its light temporarily.

A French soldier carried a dispatch to Napoleon. Just as he delivered it into the hands of the emperor his spent horse dropped dead. Napoleon wrote an answer to the dispatch, then, dismounting from his own horse, he handed the bridle to the soldier.

"Take this horse and ride back, comrade," he said.

"Nay, sire," stammered the soldier, gazing at the doctored horse and its trappings. "It is too magnificent and grand for me, a common soldier."

"Take it!" commanded Napoleon. "There is nothing too grand and magnificent for a soldier of France."

The soldier mounted and rode away on his peevish business, ready and willing, and Napoleon's words, repeated through the ranks and columns of his army, gave to his tired troops fresh impulse and energy. "Nothing too grand and magnificent for a soldier of France!" they said, and the thought that they were worthy of the best inspired them to the mighty deeds which followed.

WIFELY ORDERS.

Two Men Obeyed Them, but the Third Man Balked.

"Three men sat rather late at the club one night," said the man who is responsible for the story. "As they were separating they discussed a little nervously the receptions that awaited them at their wives' hands and agreed that he who didn't do what his wife told him on getting home should have to treat the others to a turkey dinner. The first man after reaching his house stumbled about the dark bedroom till he kicked the cat. The cat squealed, and the man's wife, raising her head from the pillow, moaned, 'Well, go on; kill the poor cat and have done with it.' The man frowned and muttered to himself, 'It is a case of kill the cat or pay for the dinner.' So he killed the cat."

"The second man on his arrival could not find any matches. As he looked for some in the drawing room he bumped against the piano, and his wife complained, 'Why don't you break the piano, careless?' Determined not to lose his bet, the man got a hatchet, and the sound of crashing blows soon filled the house."

"The third man, getting home, stumbled on the way upstairs. His wife screamed angrily, 'Go on, fall downstairs and break your neck, do!' 'Not me,' said the third man after a moment's thought. 'I'll pay for the turkey dinner.'—Chicago News.

A Merchant's Memory.

Among the characteristics which made for the success of Mr. A. T. Stewart, the great New York merchant, says Richard Lathers in his "Reminiscences," was an extraordinary memory for the details of his vast business.

One day as Mr. and Mrs. Lathers were leaving the store Mr. Stewart accosted them at the door.

"I hope, Mrs. Lathers, you have found what you want," he said.

"No, Mr. Stewart," she replied. "I want a very plain Brussels carpet for a small library, a light color with a small blue figure. You have a great variety, but nothing just like that."

"I am quite sure we have that exact description," he said, and, turning to a clerk, added: "Go to the third floor and get out from the last invoice of carpets No. 2206. I think the style and pattern will just suit Mrs. Lathers."

To the amazement of the shopper it proved to be the very thing she was looking for.

Consider the Birds of the Air.

An eminent ornithologist calls attention to the fact that a crane can travel through the air a thousand miles a day without flapping its wings, but by merely keeping them stretched and adjusted to the prevailing breezes. A hawk can stay in the air for days and weeks, moving with its wings motionless. It is the same with the gulls and numerous other winged creatures. In studying the science of aerostatics consider the birds of the air.—Boston Herald.

For Winter Use.

A lady farmer planted a garden. She was very proud of her prospective peas, but when her husband asked if they were ripe she said, "Oh, they haven't come up yet."

"Haven't come up yet? Why, the season's nearly over!"

"Yes," she said, "but I planted canned peas. I think they come up a little late."—New York Times.

A Keen Observer.

"Who was that fool you bowed to?"

"My husband."

"Oh, I—er—I—humbly apologize. I—"

"Never mind. I'm not angry. But what a keen observer you are!"—London Scraps.

Bitter Revenge.

Tommy Flagg—Sister's beau kicked my dog yesterday, but I got even with him, you bet. Johnny Briggs—How? Tommy Flagg—I mixed quinine with her face powder.—Indianapolis Journal.

LESSONS LEARNED BY CITIES.

Mismanagement and Financial Troubles Constantly Coming to Light.

New Hampton, Ia., is learning the meaning of depreciation. It recently found it necessary to discard the electric equipment that had been in use but four years and put in an entirely new equipment. For several months it has been trying to sell the old equipment, which cost \$15,000, but has not yet found a purchaser. Its scrap value is of course very small.

Fitzgerald, Ga., has apparently learned in part at least the lessons that "trust" and "bust" are practically synonymous and that in the long run it doesn't pay to sell below cost. At least that is the natural deduction from the following item in the Journal of that city:

"Beginning with this month, consumers will only have until the 10th of the month to make their settlement with the city. Water and light will both be cut off on the 11th of each month from this on. Then in the future meters for both water and light will either be sold or rented to consumer. The city will no longer furnish them free of charge. The meters will either be sold at their actual cost or will be rented to the consumer at 25 cents each month. A charge from now on for light connection of \$2 will be made, and this fee must accompany the application for a connection."

Falls City, Neb., is learning that it is easier to vote bonds than to sell them for the may or writes that no purchaser has yet been found for the 5 per cent bonds voted on July 16 to improve the light and water plant. This is a lesson that other and larger cities are learning to their sorrow, though it should not be a matter of surprise where "improvements" involve the practical wiping out of the city's debt equipment, which has not been paid for.

Hamilton, Ont., is one of many cities that are learning that manufacturers are curiously prone to serve their good customers first. It is disappointed because of the delay in the delivery of the new equipment for its electric light plant. All manufacturers know and allow for the fact that city warrants are apt to cash themselves slowly and that acceptance of supplies or machinery often depends upon crossing the right palm with gold. A manufacturer's agent told the writer two stories to illustrate this.

In one case after trying for two years to collect a bill he was finally paid in city warrants. Even then he could cash them only by selling them to the local political boss at a discount that more than absorbed the profits.

In this other case his firm installed some expensive machinery in a city plant. No sooner had the firm's workmen left than the report came that the machine was not working properly. An expert was sent on to adjust it. After this had been repeated several times a man approached the expert with the remark: "You're a good machinist, but a poor politician. You'll never get an acceptance until you've paid the superintendent \$100 and the chief engineer \$50." And he was right.

LARGE LEAK IN SPIRIT LAKE.

Light and Heat Plant Shows Material Loss on Eight Months' Operation.

About fifty citizens attended a meeting recently held in Spirit Lake, Ia., to listen to official statements relative to the financial condition of the light and heating plant, with a view to getting the sentiment of the taxpayers on the suggestion to sell the plant. The advisability of issuing bonds to improve the water system was also considered.

Clerk Osborne made a report of the receipts and disbursements at the power house for the past eight months. A material loss in operating the plant was shown, which it is evident cannot be avoided under municipal ownership and present operating conditions.

A motion that the council be required to submit at a special election a proposition to sell the light and heating plant, provided that no bid less than the present indebtedness of the plant be considered, carried by a four-fifths vote.

The editor of the Beacon states that the plant "has always been operated at a heavy loss."

A Doctor's Opinion.

ARLINGTON LOCAL ITEMS.

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Officer Joseph Cahill had a tussle with a group of boys at one o'clock on date of Jan. 4th, their suspicious actions attracting his attention as they stood at the corner of Grove street and Mass. avenue, waiting for a Boston bound car. Only one of the boys escaped him in making the arrest and placing them in a car. They gave the names of Alfonso Preziosi, aged 18, of 19 Minot street; Raffaele Festa, aged 15, of 23 Prince street; and Samuel Panorella, aged 19, of 152 Prince street, all of Boston. Later in the morning they were in the police court at Cambridge, charged with stealing hens and held in \$100 each on a continuance of the case to this Saturday, the 11th. Later the hens were identified by Mr. George N. Winn of Mystic street as his property. Mr. Winn has been the victim of hen thieves for some months back, and he has tried all means to capture the thieves. The fowl taken Saturday morning were of pedigree stock and were valuable, and Mr. Winn identified his birds by bands on their legs. Officer Cahill did an excellent piece of work in capturing these young delinquents.

The installations of Post 36 have of late years been public and furnished an interesting entertainment for a large number of friends and well wishes. There was a sort of culmination of these events on Thursday evening, first because of the high station of officers officiating and second the invited guests. The town departments were represented, some of our pastors were there and delegations from other G. A. R. organizations swelled the number present to the full capacity of the accommodations. The exercises were inaugurated with a fine banquet by Caterer N. J. Hardy, at 7 o'clock, members of Camp 45, S. of V., officiating as waiters. This feature brought all in touch in a most pleasing way. The formal exercises opened promptly and the officers were installed with a perfection in detail only possible after long experience such as has been the lot of Past-Department Commanders John E. Gilman and William M. Olin, who were fortunately secured for this service. The full roster is as follows:

Commander.—John Ewart.
Senior Vice-Com.—H. W. Berthrong.
Junior Vice-Com.—Henry Clark.
Q. M.—S. C. Frost.
Surgeon.—David Chinery.
Chaplain.—W. A. P. Willard.
Adjutant.—Henry Bradley.
Patriotic Instructor.—W. A. P. Willard.
O. G.—George H. Barnes.
O. G.—Fred C. Floyd.
Q. M. Sgt.—Alex. H. Seaver.
Comrade C. S. Parker was spokesman for the Post in presenting the retiring Commander Henry Bradley (he has served three terms) with a Past-Com. gold badge and then the fun of the evening began. Past-Dept. Com's. Olin and Gilman exchanged compliments to the amusement of all; Selectman J. Howell Crosby spoke in a graceful way of the G. A. R. and appealed to him; Rev. James Yeames as usual had a thoughtful word enclosed in a setting of witty stories, and other speakers contributed. These exercises were interspersed with instrumental music by Post 36 orchestra and exchanges of vocal compliments between Olin's Gang and a local chorus. Rev. Harry Fay Fister acted as chaplain for the occasion.

Mrs. Hammon Reed Deceased.

To relatives as well as friends the death of Mrs. Reed came as a shock which could only be likened to a stunning blow in the dark. But the sadness and suffering for her irreparable loss is for family and friends rather than the sweet and strong woman who would have had it so rather than a long period of suffering and helplessness. Mrs. Reed would have borne the suffering uncomplainingly, but to one of her nature the helplessness would have been a severe cross, so there is great consolation in the thought that her sudden death may have come as a welcome relief to one of her temperament.

For several years Mrs. Reed has been an invalid from rheumatic troubles and a great sufferer at times, although her unremitting cheerfulness and that brightness of intellect and spirit which she always showed towards her friends and dear ones, was oft-times misleading and gave no real inkling of the many hours of suffering, also of self-denial she had to constantly practice. We can think of no one to whom a state of invalidism would be more trying than to Mrs. Reed, for she was naturally an active woman, interested in all the affairs of the day, the church, literary and social life of the town, and as long as her health allowed she was actively engaged in all these affairs. To us personally Mrs. Reed was always a help and inspiration and her sympathy was never lacking. Her friendship will be a precious memory.

Mrs. Reed suffered an attack of pleurisy at her home on Waltham street, Jan. 3d, which developed in pleuro-pneumonia, and she passed away on Monday night, Jan. 6th, at eleven o'clock. Mrs. Reed was born at Milford, N. H. She was Sylvia J., daughter of Samuel Wadsworth of that place. Oct. 19th, 1856, she married Mr. Hammon Reed, a native of Lexington, and came to this town to reside on the Reed farm at No. Lexington, which had been in Mr. Reed's family for many years. Later the farm was sold, then Mr. Reed built the present handsome residence of the family on Waltham street. Here in 1906 the golden wedding was celebrated, surrounded by the family in which there has not been a break, till this time, since Mrs. Reed's mother died twenty years ago. Mrs. Reed died the twentieth anniversary of her mother's death almost to a day, aged seventy-two years. This is a remarkable record in several respects. Mrs. Reed identified herself with the Unitarian church during Rev. Mr. Livermore's pastorate and the family has been prominently identified with the parish ever since. She was also one of the original members of the Monday Club and in fact was in touch with all the literary and social interests of Lexington.

Her life has been blessed by happiness and prosperity which she has seen extended to her children, who, with the dear grandchildren, she has ever had about her to enjoy and minister to. Not only was she a mother to her own children, but to the late J. Fred Hutchinson and his sister, who were orphaned in early childhood, when they came to live with their aunt. The children of the family are Geo. H. Reed, Esq., Mrs. Fredk. K. Brown, Mr. Wm. W. Reed. The married life of Mr. and Mrs. Reed has been an ideal one and this break in more than fifty years of unimpaired love and devotion is in itself a memorial to a life as nearly perfect as is often given to

mortals to experience, while the loss to the one who remains is only known in all its poignancy by him.
The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon, at quarter of three, at the residence on Waltham street. It was in charge of undertaker A. A. Marshall. Rev. John Mills Wilson, minister of Unitarian church, made the services uplifting and comforting and the selections by the Weber Quartet were not only beautifully sung but were in close harmony with the memorial nature of the services. A profusion of flowers bespoke the wide circle of friends who were touched by this death. The burial was in the family lot in Lexington cemetery.

LEXINGTON LOCAL NEWS.

....A correspondent to the Boston Globe has the following in regard to the moths pests in Lexington:—

"The now serious question of dealing with the gypsy and brown-tail moth pest in the town is exciting much comment throughout the town and many stringent means are talked over especially by owners of wood lots who clean their trees and have neighbors who do not. As a result the bugs come on to the cleaned places and cause much damage and expense for the man who is trying to save his trees. During the past season the pests made great headway in the town in spite of the fact that tree warden Cornelius Wellington had a large gang of men at work all the time. This fall he issued an appeal to the owners of wooded lots to help him fight the pests but to all appearances this appeal fell by the wayside, as many nests can be seen on the trees of both brown-tail and gypsy moths. The pests have killed many of the trees, and now these can be plainly seen with the bark falling off from the action of the elements. Many of the citizens are of the opinion that the town should make some by-law to the effect that these places should be cleaned and give the tree warden the power to enforce the law. In this way the sections would be looked after and in a short time the pests could be got under control, so that it would be less expense to fight their progress. As it is now it is almost a hopeless task to try to clean the trees and the trees along the highways are about the only ones looked after."

....Ex-Gov. J. G. Brady's lecture on "Alaska and its Present Condition," which was postponed from date of Nov. 12th, was given before the Outlook Club, on Tuesday afternoon of this week, in the hall at the Old Belfry Club. Although the afternoon was attended by a downpour of rain, the attendance, if anything, was better than usual. Gov. Brady is evidently "too full for utterance," of his subject (as the saying goes), and is an enthusiastic defender of the rights and interests of Alaska, and a fearless denouncer of the wrongs committed there through the greed and unprincipled actions of rich men and great capitalists who show themselves determined to manipulate affairs, even if they have to resort to violence and murder. He compared the conditions in Alaska as similar to those in the Congo in Africa. He first described the topography of the country and conditions prevailing. He claimed for it that it was a rich land of promise aside from its mineral wealth and fur industries. He made a strong plea that the rights of Americans be more strongly safeguarded in the territory and claimed that the Canadians and English were in a large measure making a rich harvest at our expense. The afternoon closed with the exhibit of a number of slides of Alaskan scenery giving an idea of the country, means of travel, and the grandeur of the scenery.

....Mrs. Henrietta Gaines Robbins passed away at her residence, 67 Mt. Vernon street, Boston, Sunday morning. She had for some months been troubled with heart failure, but the malady assumed an aggravated form two weeks ago. Mrs. Robbins has never been herself since an attack of grippe a year ago. She was the widow of Eli M. Robbins, of Lexington, who died some two years ago. Mrs. Robbins was a native of New Orleans and a member of the famous Gaines family. She had passed most of her life in the north, making her home in Boston and in Lexington. Her only child and daughter is Melora, wife of Mr. Edw. Harold Crosby, dramatic editor of the Post. The family has always been identified with Lexington and no place was as dear as this town to Mrs. Robbins. She was a gentle little lady, bright and chery in her intercourse and peculiarly true and loyal to her friends. Her kindly smile and gentle ways will be missed by many who have attended Mrs. Crosby's crowded society functions, but have always been glad to seek out Mrs. Robbins in her retired nook. The funeral was at the Boston residence, Tuesday afternoon, and was in charge of A. A. Marshall (undertaker of Lexington). The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Hatch of the church of Our Redeemer. The remains were cremated at Mt. Auburn, where the family lot is located.

....Thursday evening the Men's Club of Hancock church held its monthly supper and meeting in the church. Supper was served early in the evening and left nothing to be desired in the appetizing qualities which marked it. Prest. Merriam presided at the after supper exercises and introduced as the speaker of the evening, Arthur F. Odlin, LL. B., who since his graduation at Boston University in 1885 has been practicing law in the south and was the first Attorney-General of Porto Rico. He was appointed judge of Court of First Instance, when the modern system of courts was established in Manila, where he is said to have distinguished himself. Thursday evening Mr. Odlin spoke on "American influence and responsibility in the far East." Mr. Odlin presented a strong argument upholding what the country has done in the Philippines, and scored the detractors in no less strong terms. He gave a clear idea of conditions prevailing there and illustrated how incompetent the natives are to govern themselves. In fact, he set aside in no uncertain terms all the claims of the so called anti-imperialists, but also explained what a complicated problem it was, especially where it is attended by so much criticism here at home. Mr. Odlin was frequently applauded, showing that the audience was in full sympathy with him.

....The Water Commissioners have recently issued an important circular which gives notice of important radical changes in the manner of conducting the business of the water department. The new regulations went into effect on Jan. 1st, 1908. All bills now are to be rendered to the owners of premises, instead of tenants. The Acts of the Metropolitan water system require that all water services installed after Dec. 31, 1907, be connected

with meters, and that there shall annually be equipped with water meters 5 per cent of the water services which were unmetered on December 31, 1907. The Commissioners, by vote of the town, are required to publish in the "Town Report" the names of all persons or parties who are delinquent in the payment of water rates. "Pay up or you will be published" is now the order, and a very necessary one it would appear.

....The members of the High School Athletic Ass'n are planning to give one of the best games of the season. It occurs on Friday evening, Jan. 17, in Town Hall. Louis Poole will furnish the music. The party will be matronized and the whole affair carried out to give satisfaction to all who participate.

....Mr. John McKay, who is a Past-master of Simon W. Robinson Lodge, has so far recovered from his recent severe sickness as to go down stairs on Tuesday. Several weeks ago, Mr. McKay, while lifting a heavy object, received a strain which resulted in a hemorrhage of the right lung. Friends hope to see him out before long.

....The Monday Club met with Miss Whitman at the Scott residence on Waltham street, Monday afternoon. Miss Whitman read a paper on the Ionian Islands. The afternoon concluded with a five o'clock chocolate refreshment at which delicious chocolate and cake were served. The ladies will meet next Monday with Mrs. Geo. O. Davis at the Russell House.

....Sunday, the 5th inst., the 25th anniversary of Rev. Geo. L. Perin's pastorate at the Beacon Universalist church at Brookline, was celebrated with special services at 10.45, a. m., and 3, p. m., the latter meeting being addressed by the Brookline clergy. Dr. Perin is the father of Mrs. R. B. Lane of Lexington. He is at the head of the Franklin Square House and it is through his efforts that the new Franklin Square House is being completed. He was ordained in Ohio. On first coming to Boston, Dr. Perin became pastor of the Shawmut Universalist church, also known as the Every-day church. When that church consolidated with the Brookline Universalist he became pastor.

....The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Ass'n held its Thimble Party on Friday of last week, in Hancock church. This was the time for the annual meeting, but it was voted to change the constitution whereby the annual meeting will be held hereafter in October. The number of the Board of Managers was changed from six to eight members. The luncheon was served at this meeting by a committee chairmanned by Mrs. J. S. Spaulding, and the menu included escalloped macaroni and tongue roll beside other good things. The program for the afternoon was presented by Mrs. Goodwin, chairman of the foreign department.

....There was a good sized audience present, Monday evening, at the recital given in Colonial Hall, by Ida Jenness Moulton, of Beverly, under the auspices of the Grange. Miss Moulton proved all that was said of her talents in a complimentary way in the advance notices. Her readings were unusually varied and she was equal to each impersonation, and her efforts were greatly appreciated by the audience. She gave some of her numbers with piano accompaniments which were rendered with artistic finish. The committee in charge of the evening was Messrs. W. A. Staples, Alonzo Glass and Miss A. P. Kimball.

....The committee having charge of the play, "The Private Secretary," to be given in the Town Hall, by the Lexington Dramatic Club, Jan. 24th, is at work now on rehearsals. The following members of the club appear in the cast:—

Mr. Marshall,	Mr. 188
Harry Marshall,	Mr. Muzzey
Mr. Cattermole,	Mr. Turner
Douglas Cattermole,	Mr. Riley
Rev. Robert Spaulding,	Mr. Smith
Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Tuttle
John,	Mr. Tyler
Knox,	Mr. Tuba
Gardner,	Mr. Tuba
Edith Marshall,	Mrs. Tuttle
Eva Webster,	Mrs. Busiel
Mrs. Stead,	Mrs. Stichel
Miss Ashford,	Mrs. Putnam

....The annual meeting of Hancock Cong. church was held on the evening of Jan. 2d, opening with a supper served in the supper room, followed with devotional exercises and the annual transactions. There was a fair attendance of the members. The clerk's report was read by J. P. Prince, the Sunday school report by Supr. Robertson and treasurer's report by Mr. A. G. Graves. The Home and Foreign Missionary Ass'n was represented in reports by Miss Alice Morse, the secretary; Mrs. H. S. C. Nichols, the treasurer; also Mrs. C. C. Goodwin and Mrs. D. M. Muzzey in charge of special departments sentirally prepared reviews of the year. An informal report of the Men's Club was given by Prest. E. P. Merriam, while Mr. A. A. Marshall, the treasurer of the church, showed the financial standing to be excellent and that the church had distributed the goodly sum of about thirteen hundred dollars in outside benefactions. Rev. C. F. Carter gave the pastor's message, which was a general review of the work the past year presented in an interesting and comprehensive way. The election of officers resulted as follows:—
Clerk.—James P. Prince.
Treasurer.—Arthur A. Marshall.
Supt. S. S.—Sylvester P. Robertson.
Deacon, 3 yrs.—Arthur L. Blodgett.
Gateskeepers.—Mrs. M. W. Spaulding.
Standing Com.—Rev. H. P. DeForest, D. D.
Music Com.—J. I. Buck, B. C. Whiteher, A. C. Washburn.

....The officers of Lexington Grange were installed on Wednesday evening, in Colonial Hall, by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Rice, the latter Past-State Lecturer, and their combined talents gave the ceremonies an interest and impressiveness that was quite exceptional. Mrs. Rice was the installing officer and at intervals she and her husband interpolated remarks which were peculiarly fitting and they also gave readings that were in line with the work of the Grange. A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation to Mr. Geo. S. Teague, the retiring head officer, with a handsome past-master's badge. A collation of good things the members of the Grange know how so well to provide, was partaken of at the close of the evening. The Grange is officered as follows:—

Master.—Howard M. Munroe.
Overseer.—Wm. C. Sturtevant.
Lecturer.—Lewis A. Staples.
Steward.—Fred R. Viles.
Ass't Steward.—Alonzo H. Glass.
Chaplain.—Orlo W. Allen.
Treasurer.—Everett S. Locke.
Secretary.—Bertha E. Whitaker.
Gatekeepers.—Charles M. Parker.
Cores.—Mrs. Mary A. Teague.
Pomona.—Clara Frances Conley.

Flora.—Lizzie L. Stearns.
Lady Ass't Steward.—Ethel F. Whitaker.
Pianist.—Louisa G. Teague.
Exec. Com.—for 3 years.—Geo. S. Teague.

....A good audience attended the baptismal service at the Baptist church on last Sunday night.

....Copies of the "Congressional Record" will be found in the reading room of Cary Memorial Library, for the use of any who may desire to refer to them. They were presented the library through Congressman Tirrell.

....The committee of the Dramatic Club in charge of the presentation of "The Private Secretary," which is to be given in Town Hall very shortly, is made up of Mrs. H. H. Putnam, Mr. Ezra F. Breed and Mr. W. M. Hatch.

....The subject of the morning service in Christian Science Hall, on Forest street, on Sunday forenoon, will be the "Sacriment." The service is at quarter of eleven. On Wednesday evening, at 7.45, occurs the weekly meeting.

....Louis Poole is to furnish the music for the monthly informal dance which takes place at the Old Belfry Club this Saturday evening. The presence of Poole's orchestra always draws out a large attendance especially of the older members of the club.

....The annual meeting of the Unity Lend-a-Hand, held on Friday of last week in the vestry of the Unitarian church, was a happy affair in every respect. Out of a membership of twenty-five, twenty-three were present which is a fact worthy of mention in itself. Luncheon was served at noon in the supper room of the church, in charge of Miss May Harrington and Miss Amy Taylor. Everything was prepared on the chafing dishes and the spread provided was delicious. This important feature disposed of, the ladies repaired to the parlor where a sewing "bee" ensued and the business meeting was held. The occasion was peculiarly social and awakened fresh interest and enthusiasm in the work of the club. The officers for the ensuing year will be as follows:—

President.—Miss Mary D. Hunt.
Vice-pres.—Mrs. Edward B. Worthen.
Secretary.—Miss Beth R. Smith.
Treasurer.—Mrs. J. Chester Hutchinson.

Plans were made at this time for the Leap Year party the club will hold in Town Hall on the evening of Feb. 8th.

....The installation of Post 119, of Lexington, will be on the evening of Wednesday next, Jan. 15th. Arlington friends are requested to take notice.

Supper and Entertainment.

The January meeting of Bradshaw Missionary Association connected with the Arlington Pleasant street Congregational church, Wednesday, was a "star" event not only in point of attendance but in the quality of the entertainment. A turkey supper was served at 6.45 and the one hundred and fifty plates set were inadequate, more than two hundred being present to be served. A second setting of a portion of the tables easily supplied those who waited their turn, as the food supply was ample. It was an excellent supper, served quickly and well by a corps of young ladies, with gentlemen assisting with the coffee pitchers. Mrs. George D. Moore and Mrs. H. D. Dodge were directly in charge, but preparation of the supper devolved on a committee of thirty ladies of the church.

The talent secured was the Radcliffe Glee and Mandolin Club, and the fact that the Dean allows this club to fill but three engagements in a season, shows it cannot be an easy matter to secure their services. Miss Evelyn Warren is a member of the club and herself and family prominent in the social life of the church, and to this company is indebted for the treat enjoyed. Rev. S. C. Bushnell acted as toastmaster of ceremonies and happily introduced the following program:—
1. Estudiantina Glee Club
2. "Merry Miller" Glee Club
3. Solos by Miss Eddy and Miss Warren
4. Reading Miss Elsie Adams
5. "Lullaby" Glee Club
6. Selection Mandolins
7. Solo. "In a year," Miss Grace Parker
8. "Pappoose," Quartet and Glee Club
9. Mother Goose Medley Glee Club
Two of the club members were encored, the mandolin combination was accorded a like recognition. The reader gracefully responded to a recall and Miss Parker's soprano solo was supplemented with another bright and taking selection. Mr. Bushnell's brief but expressive words in returning thanks for pleasure given were applauded to the echo, showing he expressed a feeling that was general.

Arlington Woman's Club.

Guest tickets for "gentlemen's night" are now on sale at Mrs. Charles Atwood's, 87 Mass. avenue. Each member may purchase one on presentation of her membership ticket. Extra tickets may be obtained of Mrs. Atwood by club members after 3, p. m., Monday, Jan. 27.

The next meeting of the club occurs on Jan. 16th, in Associates Hall, at 3, p. m. The program is under the direction of the Educational Department, Mrs. F. G. Sanilford, chairman. Miss Jane Brownlee will speak on "A plan for moral training in the public schools." Miss Grace Parker, who is down on the program as the soloist of the afternoon, is just recovering from the grippe and will therefore be unable to sing at this time.

A Parish New Year Party.

From four till half-past eight, on Jan. 3, there was a continuously good time in the vestry of the First Parish, Arlington, for members of the parish of all ages who participated in the "New Year Party." It proved as happy a new year as any of the many predecessors of these parties and must have been attended by nearly two hundred persons connected with the parish in one way or another. The young people met in the earlier part of the evening, while at six o'clock parents and other friends were on hand for supper, which was served promptly at this hour, for when the ladies of the Unitarian church say supper will be at a certain hour, it is ready and served at that hour. Mrs. H. A. Martin was the chairman of the large committee in charge of the supper and the collation was a bountiful one, including turkey, ham, escalloped oysters, beans, cake, ice cream and coffee. A social hour followed the supper, when every one was jolly over a bag of peanuts distributed to young and old. The social committee of the parish, chairmanned by Mr. Clifford Gray, had the entertainment in charge and provided one

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which reflected credit on every person having a part in it. Miss Myra Wood secured the musical talent. This included a piano solo by Miss Emma Gray and piano duets by Mrs. Bullard and Mrs. C. A. Denney. A farce entitled "My Cousin Timmie," was presented by a group of young people who made their debut on the stage at this time and quite astonished their elders in impersonating the roles assigned to them. Miss Vida Damon coached them and much of the credit and praise accorded was due to her work in their behalf.

Miss Marion Buttrick was the piano mistress of a boarding school, the Misses Frances Hayes, Ruth Prescott, Agatha Smith, Ruth Hayes, Rena Gray and Beth Burns being her irrepressible pupils. Fobbes Robertson was the bashful, lovelorn gardener, in love with the maid of all work in the person of Eleanor Hower, while Prescott Bigelow was the real Professor Timothy. Miss Frances Hayes created no end of fun and amusing situations. Each one was apparently especially adapted to the part assumed and made it in every way effective. No end of applause greeted the efforts of the young people and every one had something pleasant to say about the performance.

First Baptist Week of Prayer.

"The Week of Prayer" began at the First Baptist church on last Sunday with a baptism just prior to the preaching service, which was a religious ceremony peculiarly in accord with the theme for the week,—"Consecration." Baptism by immersion is always a solemn rite and its influence helped prepare the minds of many to be open to the impressions of the meetings which have followed this week. Misses F. Maud and Pearl E. Harris and their brother, Fred B. Harris, of Brighton street, Belmont; Misses Helen E. Crosby, Mystic street, and Gladys Richardson, Maple street, were received by baptism. They, with Mrs. Amy A. Hutchinson, Mrs. Edith E. Bolster, Mr. J. Howard Bolster and Mrs. Clarence E. Johnson, who joined by letter, received the hand of fellowship at the communion held at the church in the afternoon, at four o'clock. In the morning, following the baptism, Rev. Dr. Watson preached a sermon on "The Straight Question." The Bible reference was 1st Chron. 29:5. Monday afternoon, at three o'clock, the wives, mothers and daughters' meeting was held in the church parlor, when the subject was, "Consecrated Women and Girls," Neh. 12:43; Ps. 141:12. Dr. Watson led the service. Monday evening the meeting of the Young Ladies' Mission Circle was held in the ladies' parlor. On Tuesday evening, at 7.45, there was a church and Sunday school service. Subject, "Consecrated Young People," Eccles. 12:1. The Sunday school superintendent, Mr. Harold L. Frost, led the meeting. This (Friday) evening it will be a rally meeting for all. Subject, "A Consecrated Church," Eph. 2:19-22; 1 Peter 2:4-10. Rev. Dr. Watson, leads this meeting.

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EAST LEXINGTON—5.50, 6.03, 6.38, 7.01, 7.30,

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5.10, 6.45, 7.15, 7.50, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, p. m.

Sunday, 9.04, a. m.; 4.34, p. m.

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS—5.52, 6.06, 6.36, 7.04,

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4.11, 4.46, 5.17, 7.01, 7.22, 8.06, 9.11, 10.11, p. m.

Sunday, 9.06, a. m.; 4.36, p. m.

BRATTLE—5.54, 6.09, 6.39, 7.06, 7.35, 8.05, 10.14,

8.20, 10.18, a. m.; 12.18, 1.18, 2.18, 4.18, 4.48,

5.08, 6.10, 7.10, 8.10, 9.10, a. m.; 4.38, p. m.

ARLINGTON—5.56, 6.12, 6.42, 7.09, 7.12, 7.36, 7.58,

7.48, 8.02, 8.08, 8.20, 8.41, 10.16, a. m.; 12.16,

1.16, 2.16, 4.15, 4.51, 5.22, 5.45, 6.15, 6.39,

7.00, 7.34, 7.57, 8.10, 9.16, 10.16, p. m. Sunday

9.11, a. m.; 4.41, p. m.

LAKE STREET—6.38, 6.15, 6.45, 7.15, 7.39, 7.50,

8.22, 10.18, a. m.; 12.18, 1.18, 2.18, 4.18, 4.48,

5.08, 6.10, 7.10, 8.10, 9.10, a. m.; 4.38, p. m.

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